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by A.G.Gardiner

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LAST year our presentation of a £1,125 House and Freehold Site was such a success that at the request of many participants we have decided to make a similar offer this season. In addition we are presenting to every reader of JOHN BULL who participates in this offer a coupon value £5, which will be accepted in lieu of cash towards the cost of his Freehold site purchased in accordance with the conditions set out in this advertisement.

Those who entered for our Free Gift Offer in 1925 were entertained at a banquet at the Holborn Restaurant where a most enthusiastic demonstration took place. The Free Gift House and Land was finally awarded to the successful participant, and this year's contest will be conducted on exactly the same lines as those which operated a year ago.

THE SIMPLE CONDITIONS.

relating to this Presentation House and Land are as follows:—

(1) **Plots of land are offered for sale until 31st October, 1926, as set out in the Application Form.**

(2) **A list of all the purchasers of plots mentioned in Condition 1 will be made and such list of purchasers will be closed on 31st October, 1926.**

(3) **On 10th November, 1926, a complimentary Luncheon will be given by Peacehaven Estates, Ltd., to which every such purchaser who has complied with the terms of his purchase will be invited by due notice to attend.**

(4) **Immediately after the Luncheon, the purchasers will hold a meeting among themselves (a) to determine by a majority the method by which it shall be decided to whom the Presentation House and Land shall be given; (b) to carry out such decision.**

(5) **Upon such decision being announced and made known to Peacehaven Estates, Ltd., the Company will forthwith convey the above-mentioned Presentation House and Land to the chosen purchaser.**

(6) **No one employed by Peacehaven Estates, Ltd., either at Peacehaven or at their London Offices in any capacity whatsoever, will be permitted to avail themselves of this Offer.**

The above terms and conditions of this offer will be rigidly and regularly complied with.

THE AMAZING GROWTH OF PEACEHAVEN.

Peacehaven is a household word to-day, yet a few years ago it was unknown. Its unique situation on the Downs, overlooking the English Channel, its magnificent scenery, and, above all, its wonderful exhilarating air have been responsible for its amazing development. In 1921 the population was only 21; but to-day it is approximately 4,500. That is a story in itself, well worthy of your investigation.

You can obtain a £50 freehold site on the Peacehaven Estates from £1 per month. The plots are within a few hundred yards of the Sea front, and near the main Brighton-Newhaven Road, which passes through the Estate. As an investment it offers a unique opportunity, a gilt-edged security, for plots sold on other sections of the Peacehaven Estates have trebled and quadrupled their original value. Undoubtedly the plots offered this season will do the same. Seaside homes can be built from £350 upwards.

HOW YOU CAN MAKE MONEY.

On the Valley Estate you can make money by growing herbs, keeping bees, poultry keeping and small fruit farming. Here small farms can be purchased from £125. A local branch of the British Herb Co. is being established for purchasing all marketable herbs grown on the Estate. The demand for herbs has never been so incessant as it is to-day and the Valley Estate, Peacehaven, is particularly suitable for this fascinating and profitable occupation.

It is impossible in the space at our disposal to convey anything like an adequate conception of Peacehaven as it exists to-day. The full story is narrated in our booklet, which will be sent free to every reader of JOHN BULL making early application.

HOW TO GET THERE.

Our motor conveyances meet at Brighton Station the trains leaving Victoria daily at 9.5 a.m., 10.5 a.m., 11.5 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on Saturday.

CASH COUPON VALUE £5

To Peacehaven Estates, Ltd.,
Peacehaven, Sussex.

A.—Forward me the full facts about Peacehaven together with particulars and illustrations of the £1,125 house and freehold sites which you are giving away, without obligation and post free.

B.—Herewith I forward this Coupon, value £5 (Five Pounds), as a first payment towards the cost of a £50 site of Freehold Land on the Peacehaven Estates, to contain not less than 2,500 square feet. Please select the best available site of this value, on which I am to have a two months' option to purchase. If convenient to me, I undertake to inspect within two months and reserve the right to change the site for any other available of the same value that I may prefer at the time of inspection. I also reserve the right to pay the balance by cash within 60 days, or in monthly instalments of £1 each.

Every purchaser of a Freehold Site on that portion of the Peacehaven Estates set aside for this purpose up till 31st October, 1926, will become entitled to participate in our offer of the £1,125 Presentation House and Freehold Site.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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JOHN BULL, 24/7/26.

The Completed Puzzle

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Solution to the Cross-word Puzzle published in our last issue. This week's puzzle is on page 5.

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Sufferers from Venereal Diseases who give up treatment without the doctor's consent run a grave risk of dangerous complications and permanent ill-health. The symptoms sometimes disappear for a time, but the patient may remain infective and the trouble break out with renewed violence if treatment has been abandoned. The only satisfactory assurance of a permanent cure is a clean bill of health from the doctor.

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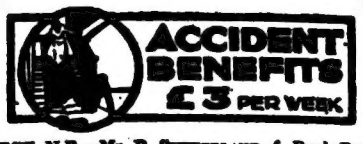

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(Many names unavoidably omitted.)

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Total Benefits now Paid—21,779

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Reader's Name ..... Age.....
in full (CAPITAL LETTERS)

Address .....

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Reader's Signature.....

Name and Address of Newsagent.....

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Date.....

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PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY. J.B. 24/7/26.

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To (Name of Newsagent).....

Address .....

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Please deliver or reserve John Bull for me weekly until further notice.

Signature.....

Address .....

Date.....

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY. J.B. 24/7/26.

JOHN BULL
Pen Coupon—Value 2/-

This Coupon will be accepted as 9d. in part payment of the "John Bull" 5/- Lever Self-Filler Pen with which is presented FREE a 2/6 Ever-pointed Pencil. Additional Coupons in any number up to five (six in all), ANY DATES, may be cut from "John Bull" and will be accepted in part payment. Thus you may send six Coupons and p.o. for 4/6 (which includes postage and insurance). Pocket Clip, 3d. extra. Cross cheque/p.o. "& Co." and make payable to "John Bull." State if fine—medium—broad nib required.

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2/6 "Ever-pointed" Pencil, with refills, FREE	2/6
TOTAL VALUE	17/6
You send Six Coupons and p.o. for 4/- (plus 3d. postage and insurance)	4/-

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COAL

The Choice before the Miners

A PLAIN STATEMENT

¶ The coal mines of this country, many of them the best in the world, were "on the dole" from August 1st to April 30th. It cost the taxpayers £21 ***for every miner employed*** to keep them open—or £23,000,000 in all. In the three months ending December 31st last there was, excluding the subsidy, a loss of 1s. 5½d. on every ton of coal sold. The coal industry cannot live on its losses. It must not live on the taxpayer.

The loss can be turned into a small profit in two ways:

Either by lengthening the day,
Or by lowering the pay.

If the miners consent to work an 8-hour day, the average cost of getting the coal to the pit-head will be reduced 2s. a ton, yielding the very low profit of 6d. to 7d. a ton.

It is not pleasant for miners to have to make their choice between lower wages and longer hours. Neither the Government is responsible, nor the mineowners, or the public. The coal markets of the world have made the choice necessary.

SOUTH WALES, DURHAM, AND NORTHUMBERLAND are the chief exporting coal-fields. Their customers are countries abroad.

Get a grip of these striking facts:

IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS OF 1925 (Excluding the Subsidy)	
Out of every 100 tons of coal	The following number of tons was sold at a loss:
SOUTH WALES - - -	90
DURHAM - - - -	97
NORTHUMBERLAND -	The whole lot

We cannot sell coal abroad if we increase the price to the ***foreign*** consumer. To raise the price to the home consumers by 2s. a ton would inflict great hardship on the poor and make it still more difficult for other industries to get orders. It would, for instance, increase the cost of making steel by 7s. to 8s. a ton.

If the miners choose longer hours instead of lower wages they will retain their own standard of comfort and assist to maintain that of all their fellow workers.

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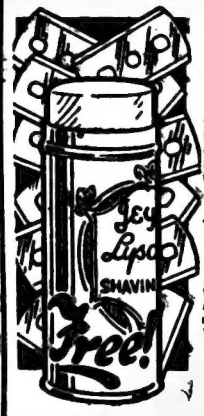

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LIKE A SOB
WORTH BACKING
FAR AND NEAR
HASTILY
WHAT THE BOATMAN
MY DAUGHTER [SAID
ASKING FOR IT
OUT OF HIS DEPTH
WHAT SHE WEARS
LANDED
WHAT IS A COAL-MINE?

These Examples may be made use of on the Coupons on page 35, and must reach us on or before THURSDAY, AUGUST 5. All Coupons so used MUST be marked clearly with the number 608 in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 608, JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. (Comp.). Such Coupons must not contain any of the Examples for "Bullets" No. 607.

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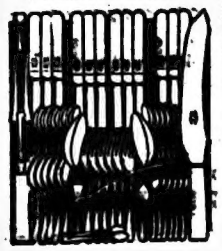

1 pr Double Shear Steel Carvers, Ivorette handles, 6 Stainless Steel Table Knives & 6 Stainless Steel Dessert Knives, Ivory grained handles, 2 Table Spoons, 6 Dessert Spoons, 6 Tea Spoons, 6 Egg Spoons, 6 Table Forks, 6 Dessert Forks, 1 Sugar Sifter Spoon, 1 pr Sugar Tongs, 1 Jam Spoon, 1 Salt Spoon, all of Columbian Silver which wears white throughout. 50 pieces 50/- Terms: 5/- now & 5/- monthly. Five per cent discount allowed for cash on delivery. Complete Approval.

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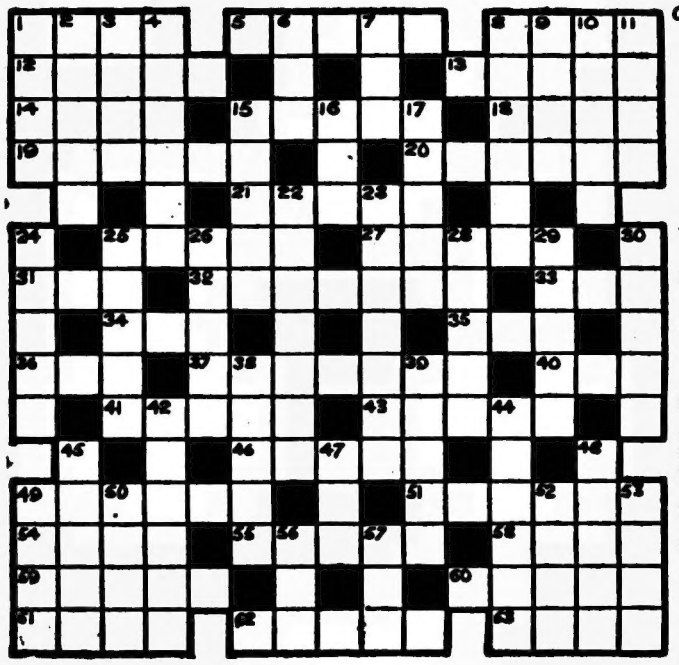

CLUES DOWN

1. Confusion.
2. Wrathful.
3. Three.
4. Rung.
6. A loud sound.
7. Cooked dish.
8. Beasts of pasture.
9. Half-open.
10. Roman name for Salisbury.
11. Personal pronoun.
15. Interior.
16. Violation of divine law.
17. Teacher.
22. A public speech.
23. Learned.
24. Condition.
25. To hate bitterly.
26. To charge with debt.
28. Distributed.
29. Fleshy.
30. Ire.
38. Female relative.
39. Ventilated.
42. Silvery.
44. Forge.
45. A sluggard.
47. 28 lb. of wool.
48. A collection of maps.
49. Adjective of comparison.
50. Highest point.
52. A jot.
53. Bark.
56. Nothing.
57. Decline.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Slang for "hand."
5. Expert.
8. Throw.
12. Mistake.
13. Indian prince.
14. Put to sea.
15. Something inserted.
18. A weed.
19. Taken by theft.
20. False.
21. Musical composition in nine parts.
25. Poisonous snake.
27. Cowboy's display.
31. Wooden vessel.
32. Act of deleting.
33. Ban.
34. Wheel centre.
35. Beverage.
36. A pair.
37. Commencing.
40. Met officially.
41. Proportionate rate.
43. To levy a tenth.
46. Go in.
49. Very sad.
51. Ill-will.
54. Expectation of good.
55. Terminated.
58. Natural spot on the skin.
59. Even with.
60. A flower-leaf.
61. Nearest.
62. The earth.
63. Rough file.

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We trust that Mr. Baldwin will be able to carry out his intention of attending the Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva in September. The country will feel more confidence knowing the Premier is at Austen's side, especially as the very existence of the League will be at stake.

Blind Alleys.

By creating scenes in Lords or Commons Labour members are really sidetracking themselves. The lack of statesmanship in the present Government is conspicuous. But Opposition Parties should not act like hooligans if they want to gain the confidence of the electors.

Satan Rebukes Sin.

The *Daily Mail's* shocked protest against a Minister being called a "hypocrite" is merely funny. A "dangerous lunatic" was the *Mail's* polite description of Britain's first Labour Prime Minister.

Why?

Six months ago Sir Alfred Mond informed the Carmarthen Liberal Association: "I am willing to place my resignation in your hands whenever you may request it." A unanimous request followed, but Sir Alfred has not resigned.

Awaiting an Offer.

The explanation that "urgent questions of finance and agriculture" render it desirable for him to hang on is too thin. The truth is that Sir Alfred hopes soon to join the Cabinet and does not want to fight two by-elections.

False Economy.

Through Lord Eustace Percy's circular-issuing tactics, local education authorities have been badgered into reducing their estimates by £1,438,000. A similar crusade in the fighting Services would produce infinitely larger savings. Stinted education means stunted minds.

Do or Rue.

The agenda of the coming Trades Union Congress reflects the trade union movement's present bankruptcy of ideas. "Agenda" means "things to be done." There is here nothing helpful to the most urgent of things to be done—the revival of British industry.

Imperial Hitch.

If the Imperial Conference has to be indefinitely postponed because of Canada's inability, owing to the political situation, to send delegates, it will be a calamity to the Empire as a whole. The Locarno pact has raised vital issues which should be debated by the Dominions without delay.

Other People's Kiddies.

Dirt germs are to flourish through one more sultry season, and the babies will pay. The Clean Milk regulations don't come into force until October. If children affected belonged to officialdom things would have been managed far quicker.

The Law-keepers.

In spite of industrial depression, strikes and poverty, crime is decreasing. Our lives and property are becoming safer. Workers of to-day, even when suffering under sense of injustice, don't riot. They reason.

The Law-breakers.

More depressing is the increase in the number of law-breakers who go scot-free. The police must cease hunting for people who break petty bylaws and concentrate on the bigger problem. Robbers immune from capture grow impudent.

114 MORE CHEQUES for Registered Readers

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Congratulations!

The French birth-rate in the first three months of last year dropped below the deaths by 4,567. This year the corresponding period showed an excess of births over deaths by 9,091. It's good for any country when healthy babies arrive.

The P.M.G. Approves.

Cash-On-Delivery is a success. Vendors benefit, customers are pleased, and business works smoothly. We claim our share of credit for the lot. We always believed it would be a success.

Disgusting!

Offal from a slaughter-house is causing a plague of rats at Newport. Rodents enter houses, get into beds, and are found in clothing. There must be shocking sanitary mismanagement in Newport and somebody wants a wigging.

Own Your House.

Nearly every married man in America owns the house he lives in. There's a growing ambition to do likewise in this country. And we are glad to see that the Government is encouraging it.

Good to Know.

On Ludgate Hill a motor accident sent a jeweller's window-full of diamond rings flying among the feet of citizens thronging the street. Every item was picked up and restored. Thieves are the abnormal exception, honest men the rule.

Plover-egg Pirates.

The Government should accept the Lords' amendment to the Wild Birds Protection Bill giving special protection to plovers. This bird, which is among the farmers' best friends, is becoming rare owing to the demand for its eggs by wealthy gluttons.

Penalised for Patriotism.

Though the general strike was called off two months ago, many farmers who supplied milk to the Government pool are still awaiting the first penny in the way of payment. We wonder what the responsible officials would have to say were their salaries withheld for so long.

Cheaper Hose.

Dr. Nanji, of Birmingham University, and Dr. Paton, of Bristol, have invented a substitute for artificial silk which is made from jute. It is six to eight times cheaper than, and in many ways superior to, the present fabric. Well done!

Our Girls!

H.M. Inspectors of Factories find young women are no longer pale and famished shadows as they used to be, but healthy, well-fed, and even better looking. There could be no stronger testimony to the value of good wages and good conditions.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

A Brutal Ban.

The Weymouth Watch Committee has refused permission to a miners' choir to make a street collection for women and children in the mining districts. If the committee are proud of this decision they are to be pitied. If not, there is time for them to reverse it and show that they do not really wish the helpless babies to starve.

Marred Childhood.

In a slum district of the wealthy borough of Kensington there is a flourishing baby clinic where, with the aid of artificial sunlight, sick children under five can be nursed back to health. Poverty and overcrowding are stated to be the main cause of their ailments. A deep reproach rests on the nation which holds its child life so cheap.

Not British Pluck.

The moral responsibility for the drowning of little Sidney McDonnell rests upon two cowards of Hull. He accidentally fell from a jetty into the Humber. As he drowned they callously looked on unconcerned, though either of them by wading a little way into the water could have saved him, and one of them could swim.

"Mr. A" at Home.

The Maharajah of Kashmir, alias Sir Hari Singh, alias "Mr. A" of notorious ill-repute, recently paid a State visit to one of his cities in a boat whose jewelled canopy was hung with ropes of real pearls, and surmounted by a golden spear, its point encrusted with diamonds. Is it any wonder that the Indian native is beginning to question the wisdom and beneficence of British rule?

War against War.

With ever-increasing emphasis women are determining that their children shall not be reared for cannon fodder. At the recent assembly in Dublin of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, heart-stirring appeals were made to the working-class to join in the fight against war. This is the right line, for without the weapons of industry no modern war can be waged

The Will—and the Way.

In his last will and testament the late Mr. Adam Gillison Brown, a Glasgow steel merchant, bequeathed £500 to the Claremont United Free Church to assist poor families to get summer holidays. It is a fine thing when such a touch of sympathetic imagination inspires the last wishes of the well-to-do. If the testator desired to be remembered with gratitude he could have chosen no happier way.

Two Shameful Black Eyes.

Because her little three-year-old child showed nervousness when approached by a kitten, to teach the baby courage its mother, Mrs. Irene Chrissie Howells, of Rowborough, gave it two black eyes. The Plymouth magistrate fined the woman £3 for the unnatural assault. Cruel people are generally cowards, and if ever Mrs. Howells should tremble at the noise of a burglar, we hope that her husband will not favour the same recipe for courage.

Missing the Point.

Although 690,222,969 passengers were carried on the London County Council trams last year, the working expenses are £114,629 above the total income of £4,262,699. And they're still talking of mending matters by "improved methods." Why not admit at once that trams in a crowded city are antiquated and need scrapping? Then we might be one step nearer a better form of transit.

At the Outposts.

While we produce men and women who, like the late Miss Gertrude Bell, win the trust and respect of desert peoples, nothing will shake the credit of the Empire. Because of her sterling character Miss Bell's word was law in Iraq. Despite failing health she carried on with her work until she died at her post. The Arabs called her the "Queen of Sheba," for her word was her bond. Her value to the prestige of Empire was greater than an army. Yet her official reward was an O.B.E.!

Plucky Policemen.

Constables Aley, Mann, Smith and Yeomans, of Bournemouth, are a credit to the Force. When a youth was reported drowned in a choppy sea the four went out immediately and dived to find the body. They knew their duty and they did it.

A Munificent Marquis.

The Marquis of Hartington, heir to the Duke of Devonshire, has presented the Eastbourne Corporation with a site of land at the Crumbles, on which it is proposed to build sixty houses for the working classes. More such peers would mean fewer revolutionaries.

Nailing a Lie.

Sixty-nine years ago Mrs. Barbara Steel, of Seaham Harbour, became a happy wife, and, as time rolled on, the joys of motherhood were hers abundantly. Ten bonny bairns came to her, and now, that she is eighty-seven five generations of her family and 117 people call her their great mother. Her experiences give the lie to those who suggest that marriage can be naught but a failure.

Homeless Women and Children.

Latest returns show that London has licensed lodging-house accommodation for nearly 15,000 men, while for women there is room for less than 2,000, for children but seven, and for married couples only 123. The L.C.C. would do well to give its attention to this matter, since a homeless woman, especially with a child, is a thousand times worse off than a man.

Bradford's Big Romp.

Britain's bairns, countless thousands of them in big cities, live in foul and wretched homes the year round, knowing neither the joys of the seaside nor the pleasures of a romp in green fields. Bradford means to gather its poor youngsters together, and with organised games in its parks for a month and open-air swimming give them a chance to be happy and healthy. And won't something be done to make the kiddies' homes fit for their return?

The Human Machine

Will-o'-the-wisp

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

THERE is a great art in being happy. So many people want to be happy—and so few really are. Yet there is no reason why everyone should not be.

The search for happiness is a terrible thing. It has driven men to the far ends of the earth. It has destroyed homes and turned many a little Paradise into a wilderness.

The search for happiness—the fevered hectic endeavours to extract a little gold out of the dross of life, only to find at the end that it is fairy gold that vanishes when our hands are stretched to take it!

To search for happiness is to chase a shadow and follow a will-o'-the-wisp, for happiness cannot be found by searching.

It is a mental state—if you like, a spiritual state—and such a condition must be created within ourselves, *based on contentment and satisfaction with the ordinary things of life.*

A MAN who cannot be happy at home cannot be happy anywhere. The man who can be happy at home can be happy anywhere.

Within ourselves the secret lies, and the key to happiness is always within our grasp.

The things most worth while in life are the ordinary and the commonplace, all the trivialities that in the mass form the background to a man's life.

He is a fool who chases happiness and refuses to pick it up where it can be found.

An Inhuman Rule.

Mothers are in revolt against an order of the Stamford (Lincolnshire) Burial Board prohibiting perambulators in the local cemetery. There have been several cases in which sad circumstances have made this senseless prohibition an inhuman outrage. Bereavement should command respect.

Landlords without Consciences.

When 135 people were summoned at Portcawl for non-payment of rates it was stated that many of them were ground down by excessive rents. The presiding magistrate, Mr. William Powell, declared that it was "a real scandal that people should charge 30s. a week for mere cottages in Porthcawl." He also added that he was at a loss to know where the consciences of such people were. We are afraid that they are non-existent.

Cowardly Anonymity.

The writer of the anonymous letter to the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Spurden, accusing her of an association with a young man, which was the talk of the place, must be either a very satisfied or very remorseful person by now. The poor woman was found hanging by a woollen scarf at her home in Woodville Street, Woolwich, driven to her death by a cowardly calumniator. Anonymous letters are always best treated with disbelieving contempt.

A Voice from the Grave.

"Bob is dreadful to me. He does not intend to make a home for me. I have had one child by him and am expecting another," were among the poignant sentences written by Ada Jane Jills, a poor lass of twenty-three, found drowned in the Medway above Rochester Bridge. "This young woman appears to have been very badly treated by her young man," observed the coroner. We may leave it at that. There are not many more poignant punishments to be endured than the constant gnawing of a guilty conscience.

They Shed Sunshine.

For sixpence a week mothers in Camberwell may leave their babies at the week-end nursery started at the Peckham Road Health Centre, while they themselves spend a few care-free hours in the sunshine. The boon to poor mothers who must drag a baby with them everywhere cannot be computed. That the centre is not State-aided puts another feather in the caps of the women who run it. While some folk lecture about hardships endured others set to work and cure them.

A Noble Plea.

"Give me a sporting chance. I am quite willing to undertake anything you may sentence her to if you will let me," pleaded Patrick Lavin, whose wife was found guilty but insane on a charge of drowning her two children. Of course it was impossible to grant the husband's prayer, though all of us must honour him for having made it. Let us hope that the time is not far distant when the woman will be restored to complete mental health, so that she may return to the man who was eager to sacrifice everything for her.

A Gallant Cook.

When the trawler *Rig* was wrecked off the Cornish coast an attempt to launch the ship's dinghy failed. It was washed away with three men clinging to the keel. Mr. W. Ebbett, the ship's cook, took in the situation and jumped overboard with a life-line. He swam about 130 yards before he reached the dinghy with his line. It was made fast and all were saved. Ebbett has now very justly been decorated by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. He is a gallant cook and a worthy seaman.

A "Stanley Institute" Slip.

A gentleman who has resided at 32, Whitley Street, Reading, for a number of years, writes to point out that we recently gave this address as being the headquarters of a certain home-employment monger trading as the "Stanley" Institute. This is not correct, the actual address of the "Institute" being *Dept.* 32, 33, Whitley Street. We regret any inconvenience which this slight slip may have caused our reader and thank him for bringing the matter to our notice.

A Widow's Luck.

A middle-aged widow at Leeds, Mrs. Mary Hazzard, accepted a matrimonial proposal from an old-age pensioner of seventy-two, Mr. John Robinson, on the unromantic ground that "marriage was better than work." The arrangement fell through, however, and although at the Leeds Assizes the old man was stated to be suffering from senile decay, the jury awarded the widow £75 damages for breach of promise. Mercenary Mary must have been born under a lucky star.

The Right Word.

When charged with having bound and gagged an old lady of sixty-three, and with serving her maid in a like manner, and also with stealing jewellery and cash, Arthur John Lowe, a Manchester moulder, and Sydney Edwards, a waiter, pleaded that they had gone to the house more for "devilment" than anything else. Just so. And the proper treatment for such men is to strive to lash the devil out of them—a task which we are pleased to see is to be undertaken.

Non-stop Road Hogs.

Returning home at midnight last Sunday a reader came across a dying man who had been knocked off his bicycle by a motor-car, the driver of which merely accelerated speed and made a get-away. Now we read of another who knocked down and seriously injured a boy at New Cross, whom he left lying in the road. When caught, these inhuman creatures should be dealt with so severely that others of their kidney will be driven into decency, if only for their own safety's sake.

Brutish "Humanity."

Two men of Talgarth captured two foxes, which they imprisoned in a pig-sty. Later they loosed a dog upon them in the pen. A fight to the death followed, in which the foxes were eventually routed. When charged at the local police court they pleaded that their method of destroying the animals was most humane, and the case was dismissed. We claim that it was a disgusting exhibition, and we cannot congratulate the justices who failed to recognise the fact.

Folly Rampant.

Though the scale of relief paid by the Lichfield Guardians to the miners' families was already the lowest in the land, it has lately been reduced by half, and it was decided at the same time to discontinue it entirely in a fortnight. This attempt to force a settlement in favour of the owners is absolutely one-sided, and such short-sighted people as Mr. F. Foster, who declared that the miners have the remedy in their own hands, might find, when the municipal elections come along, and to their own cost, that verily this is so.

The Wife's Sad Plea.

It is seldom we can find excuse for the writer of an anonymous letter, yet exception must be made in the case of the anguished woman who risked her life in this manner to turn informer against the Glasgow gambling hell in Clyde Street. "My husband is going there and gambling his parish money," she moaned, "and leaving me and my children in want." That the police acted promptly and arrested 130 men proves the crying scandal of what was going on. Men who drift to hell on money for which their helpless families are starving need a sharp lesson.

The Lowest Depth.

Over a hundred men, tramping in the drizzling rain, presented a picture of dreadful disappointment when at the end of their trudge from Swansea to Worcester Field building site they learned that the work at good pay they had been offered was only a hoax. A man had posed as an influential employer, about to erect a rubber factory at Morriston, and lorries were promised to be sent to meet them at the end of the first stage which they tramped. Any man responsible for such a cruel "joke" is a criminal. A term of hard labour would be no more than his deserts.

Because of our Importunity?

At long last the Home Office has taken steps to safeguard the public against swindling street collections. All collectors must hereafter carry the written authority of a responsible body, and audited accounts are to be sent to the Commissioner of Police within a month. Good!

Track Him Down!

We warn our readers against a man of about forty who is amusing himself by mutilating the tresses of girls while riding on public conveyances. The other day, when sitting behind a child of eight, on a 'bus near the Marble Arch, he snipped several inches of hair from her plait under cover of a newspaper. Such wanton wickedness is deserving of no mercy, and we trust that he will quickly be spotted and handed over to the police.

Mythical Mantles.

A disabled ex-soldier, who has a small business at Peckham, paid £2 11s. to a representative of the London Wholesale Co., Jupps Road, Bow, as deposit for a stock of "unbreakable" gas mantles. The mantles have not turned up and a letter of enquiry has been returned marked "Gone away." This is by no means the first complaint to be received against this company, and small shopkeepers should be on their guard.

Mimicking Marks.

A bookmaker named Frank Bryant recently conducted some business in connection with the British Open Golf Championship, making his headquarters in the office of Alfred Marks, in Old Bond Street. The atmosphere must have affected him, for he has followed Marks' example to a certain extent by failing to meet all his obligations. His present whereabouts are unknown, but Alfred Marks declares that he left a letter to say that he had "gone away to think things over."

Ruthless Red Tape.

A Woodseats (Sheffield) reader, having ceased insurable employment on June 10 last year, was entitled to a free year's insurance under the Ministry of Health regulations. On June 11 this year—three and a half hours after the free year had expired—his wife gave birth to a child. Maternity benefit, which would have been paid had the birth occurred a few hours earlier, was refused. This is more than hard luck. It demonstrates the inadequacy of official regulations which do not permit acts of grace such as this case warranted.

Dilatory Assurance Company.

The Britannic Assurance Company, Ltd., accepted from Mr. H. W. Pontin, of Sheffield, weekly premiums for five and a half months until March 1. Mr. Pontin died on March 2. The relatives were told that the proposal was not accepted because Mr. Pontin suffered from heart disease. The company is, of course, returning the premiums, but that fact does not excuse their dilatoriness in deciding whether or not the risk was acceptable. Having accepted the premiums, we think their obligation to pay the amount assured was obvious.

An "Arch-rogue's Art Studio."

Under this heading we recently mentioned that William Edward Yearley, trading as J. Eaton Blair, had run a correspondence school, known as The Associated Fashion Artists, on unsatisfactory lines. The school was taken over in 1923 by a reputable concern, and although the trade name of J. Eaton Blair has been retained, Yearley's connection with the undertaking was severed completely. The present proprietors of the school confirm all we said about Yearley, who was retained as manager and later dismissed.

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LET "BULLETS" PAY FOR YOUR HOLIDAY! See page 35

Problems of Life

Life's Unceasing Demand

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

THE Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, in an address to the boys of Harrow School, at which he himself was educated, said some wise and stimulating things a short time ago.

Among these was the counsel not to wish for a smooth and easy pathway through life.

The Prime Minister

He warned his young hearers not to delude themselves into thinking that life was meant to be easy. "Life is hard," he said—hard for anybody but the shirker, and seldom as agreeable to the shirker as he would like to have it.

This world is no place for the idler or the coward; sooner or later it finds them out and stamps on them.

Effort, struggle, aspiration are Nature's primary requirements. If we fail to comply with them we must go under.

There is nothing sinister or repellent in these requirements. On the contrary, they are the very conditions which govern all that is truly delightful in our actions and reactions from callow youth to mellow age.

Life devoid of them would be life without zest or beauty, hardly to be called life at all. No one is to be envied who escapes the stimulus and pressure of ordinary everyday existence.

YET it must be admitted that there is much that is painful and burdensome in it. Monotony, drudgery, and drab, uninspiring tasks make up a great part—in many cases the principal part—of the daily life of most people.

And there are times when one feels that one has reached the limit of endurance and longs to break away.

When troubles and worries accumulate and the burden of one's lot becomes crushingly heavy, the temptation to fling everything aside and begin afresh in another environment becomes well-nigh irresistible.

In the exercise of my duties as a clergyman I think I have heard hundreds of times the pathetic plaint, "I cannot bear any more." But the persons uttering it have seldom made any marked change. The crisis passes and they go on.

We have to bear one another's burdens too, willingly or unwillingly, justly or unjustly.

WHENEVER you find a man or woman deliberately dodging his or her responsibilities, you may be sure that someone else is having to toil harder in consequence and make more sacrifices; it is invariably so.

The great open secret of fine character and effective living is to put your heart into your task without repining or looking too far ahead.

It is not to-day's burden that bears you down, but the thought of to-morrow's and the days beyond.

Take one day at a time. For "as thy day so shall thy strength be."

THE "CATCH" OF THE SEASON

A COURIER, A COOK AND A CARAVAN

Wonderful "Cruise on Wheels"!

TO most people the prospect of a caravan holiday is attractive, and some exceptionally alluring announcements have recently been made in the daily Press and motor-trade journals by a concern called Harvey-Bathurst's Caravan and Motor Tours, Ltd.

The joys of touring the country in specially constructed caravans *de luxe* have been set forth in these announcements in glowing terms, and people have been invited to send for a "handsome illustrated brochure, 'A Cruise on Wheels.'" This brochure was certainly a most lavish production, attractively got-up and beautifully printed.

It contained numerous superb plates depicting the sumptuous interiors of the super caravans *de luxe*, and many people must have marvelled at the fact that a 1,500-mile tour could be arranged under such ideal conditions for the modest sum of £21.

Idyllic tours

Yet that was all that was being asked by Harvey-Bathurst's Caravan and Motor Tours, Ltd., for a fortnight's holiday, inclusive of all meals.

It was definitely stated that there would be no extras of any description, and the catering was to be in the hands of "a first-class chef."

These idylic tours were scheduled to commence at the end of May and to be continued fortnightly throughout the summer.

It seems, however, that there were some delays, for early in July a somewhat different advertisement appeared in the Press. This was merely a short announcement, and ran:

Advance Courier (must be a gentleman), position of trust (cash security £250). Salary £300 p.a. 'Phone or write only, Harvey-Bathurst, Ltd., 235 Regent Street, W.1. Mayfair 0374.

A gentleman who answered the advertisement found the offices of Harvey-Bathurst's Caravan and Motor Tours, Ltd., to be magnificently appointed and suggestive of wealth and stability.

After the cash

But in the course of an interview with Major Harvey-Bathurst he discovered that the position offered was not so attractive as he had at first supposed. It was certainly "a position of trust," but he was required to do all the trusting.

It was explained that he was required to go in advance of the tours and arrange camping-grounds, water-supply and all necessary details. He was to be supplied with a motor-bike or small car, and his salary was to be £6 a week.

When it came to the question of "security" the applicant found that Major-Bathurst was unwilling to accept a fidelity guarantee policy from an insurance company or securities guaranteed by independent business men of high standing. He made it quite clear that he wanted hard cash, and the applicant left without coming to any decision.

By the first post on the following morning he received a letter from Major Harvey-Bathurst asking him to come in again. He did so, and was informed that the job was his if he put in £250 in cash.

Another post offered

Now, however, he was offered counter-security of 250 £1 shares in the concern, or, as his preliminary contract was to be for three months, a post-dated cheque payable on the day his contract expired.

Although the money was ostensibly to be security deposited with Major Harvey-Bathurst in trust, the applicant was informed that he would receive 10 per cent. interest upon it.

He pressed for an agreement, which was to be drawn up and sent to him

Major W. Harvey-Bathurst

within a few days. It did not arrive, and when he next called at the offices he was informed that the post had been filled.

Major Harvey-Bathurst had another proposition to put to him, however. This was a post at £5 per week, to accompany the tours and look after the entertainment of the guests. The same security of £250 was asked for.

When the question of an agreement was raised again, the major suggested that his typist could soon dash off an agreement that would serve, and it could be signed there and then.

An obliging offer

He added that if the applicant had not got the requisite £250 at the moment he could pay £100 down and the balance in a few weeks.

The gentleman in question did not see matters in quite the same light, and after due consideration bade the major good-day and began to look elsewhere for employment.

His caution is to be applauded, for he was prompted by several things.

In the first place, the danger of employment-with-investment positions without satisfactory agreements and security cannot be exaggerated.

It is true that in this case the applicant was given the option of taking up 250 shares in the concern, but a glance at the articles of association is sufficient to show why he was not attracted by this bait.

The share capital of the company is £1,600, in 1,500 £1 shares and 2,000 deferred shares of 1s. The available records show that only 107 £1 shares have been taken up. William Harvey-Bathurst and Henry Gerelli, a restaurant superintendent of 126, Fulham Road, S.W., have one £1 share each, while a lady named Reeve is shown as the holder of the other 105.

Major Harvey-Bathurst is also credited with the 2,000 deferred shares of 1s. which he received for consideration "other than cash."

A fine backing for a concern which proposed to run caravan tours *de luxe*!

Extraordinary admission

But, quite apart from this, the cautious applicant had other grounds for uneasiness.

Chancing to put a few questions to Major Harvey-Bathurst regarding the luxurious caravans, he was staggered by the casual admission that the concern possessed none whatever at the moment!

On being pressed further, the major imparted the interesting information that he was "negotiating" for their construction with a firm at Acton.

The applicant wisely sought out this Acton firm and discovered that the major had been perfectly truthful in his statement about "negotiations."

What was not disclosed

But he discovered one or two other facts which the major had not disclosed.

The super-caravans, for instance, were partly built, and likely to remain in that condition. They were held up, he was told, because the cash to cover their cost was not forthcoming.

The men had been working on half-time for a while, and now they had had to cease work altogether through lack of funds!

It is hardly necessary to add that this was the final straw, and that the gentleman decided that Major Harvey-Bathurst's proposition was too vague and shadowy for the investment of his money.

We are afraid the major is optimistic, and the practical is over deavouring to obtain money for employment in a high-class in return. tive venture can only only specula- as decidedly objectionable be described

There is probably a great deal more behind this ambitious scheme than we have indicated, and the public should exercise the same caution as the gentleman whose experience have been cited.

A Ministry's Muddle

Crown Colony Complaints

CONSIDERABLE dissatisfaction is felt concerning the official attitude towards the administration of, the Patrington Crown Estate, at Sunk Island, Patrington, East Yorks.

After the war, it was proposed to settle trained ex-Service men on this estate as independent smallholders, but this scheme was never actually put into practice.

What happened was that the Government took the trainees and practical farm-workers, approved for their land-settlement scheme, and started a profit-sharing colony, with a director and bailiff in control.

The result has been disappointing, for the estate has been losing money consistently.

Perhaps this is not altogether surprising, for, as experienced men have pointed out, an estate of this kind cannot be "farmed by people issuing orders from Whitehall."

Hampering restrictions

Quite apart from this, there is the question of individual endeavour and ambition. Surely, the men who comprise the colony have earned the right to pursue their own careers unhampered by official restrictions and orders?

In fact, the failure of the present scheme must be largely due to this soul-destroying influence of having to toil under the orders of a "director" and "bailiff," as though they were hired farm-labourers.

Their wages are fixed by a board, the present figure being 35s. a week, from which a rent deduction is made.

It is true that they are allowed half an acre of land for domestic use, but the colony is in such an isolated place that they have no means of marketing their produce, and so adding to their income.

Various complaints are made about the way in which the farm is being run, but the men themselves, for whose benefit, it should be understood, the scheme was inaugurated, have no say in the matter.

It is stated, for instance, that a field was sown with barley two years in succession, though it is an elementary principle of farming that a crop will not do well in the same place two seasons running.

If this and similar complaints are true, what must be the feelings of the men who have been trained as farmers, and who now have to waste time and money simply because they are ordered to do so?

Mad muddling

Why was the original scheme abandoned? Could it not be given a trial now that the communal system has proved abortive?

The years are slipping past, and the men can hardly be blamed for losing all incentive to work under the present irritating conditions.

It is up to the Ministry of Agriculture to review the whole question and endeavour to make this deplorable muddle into the success it should have been

50 "SWALLOW" CROOKS

SWELL CONFIDENCE MEN FROM U.S.A.

Grave Home Office Scandal

WE are in a position to-day to reveal the full story of how a large number of n rogues have been permitted come to this country for the rpose of fleecing the British public, how, in turn, they have been wed to depart from our shores hout even being asked for an planation of their conduct.

Some time ago there arrived in country, for instance, a Yankee tleman by the name of William bert.

Mr. Gilbert lived in great style, went every day to an office at esham House, E.C., where he was ning a concern called the British erican Securities, Limited.

This company, by the aid of much h-flown literature, succeeded in racting from a large number of dulous people money for shares a worthless character. To-day st of these victims are anxiously iting to know whether they are ely to obtain any return for their ney.

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The only gentleman who can tell em is Mr. William Gilbert. We d, however, that some weeks ago sailed back again to his native d!

Another interesting case, selected random, is that of an American w named Leon Britton.

This gentleman set himself up in latial offices in Victoria Street, S.W., d through the agency of paid elings induced a number of people part with money for Yankee shares dubious value, through the medium the Abbey Investors Advice reau.

Apart from that, Leon Britton, whose real name is Baum, was associated with many unsound share-pushing ventures. One of them was the Bahamas Trust. This "trust," which dealt in projects connected with rum-running, suddenly closed down its London office after victims had been found here, there and everywhere.

At the present time, nobody on this side of the Atlantic can give any helpful information about the money of these victims, as Mr. Britton has also embarked for New York City.

An astounding fact

The thing that astounds most people is that our immigration laws permit rogues like this to come here and, when their pockets are jingling with the cash of their dupes, to escape, unquestioned, to their native shores.

Then there is Mr. Samuel Getzler. This American was closely connected with a number of bogus companies, including the notorious Cambrian Trust Company, of the scandal about which our readers are already aware.

Thousands of pounds have been lost by British investors in these concerns, which have now faded away.

So, too, has Mr. Getzler. He embarked at Southampton for his native land the moment clients began to see the red light.

Another case, selected from the tremendous number before us, relates to a Mr. Joseph Primakow. This gentleman originally came to London with a number of jazz-salesmen who hawked various worthless shares up and down the country.

Mr. Primakow did so well that he eventually cut adrift from his friends, and started a company of his own.

With swagger offices in Aldwych, he engaged a number of Yankee salesmen who went about the country interviewing "greenhorns" and induced them to part with money for rubbishy stock.

The name of Mr. Primakow's company was the Old Bond Trading Company, Limited. It "went away" from its registered office a short time ago, as also did Mr. Primakow, who is now safely back in the States.

Then there is Mr. Walter T. Kadison. Mr. Kadison was a director of a company called the Universal Industrial Finance Corporation.

This concern occupied magnificent offices at 44, Kingsway Chambers, W.C., and, in response to pleasing literature, dupes were found to part with money for shares in American concerns.

With Mr. Kadison were two other engaging American gentlemen named John Kantor and Charles Stern, all of whom have now returned "across the pond," leaving their deluded investors completely in the dark as to what is happening to their money.

Vanguard arrives

In all, we could name at least fifty Yankee sharks who, within the last few months, have returned to America from this country, after having perpetrated grandiose swindles upon the British public.

But the instances given above are sufficient to illustrate the grave flaws in our immigration system. When we say that the police have received a number of enquiries from poor people who have been cruelly victimised by one or another of the rogues in question, it will readily be seen that some drastic action is necessary to put an end to such a state of affairs, which, if not so tragic for the investors, would be almost farcical.

News reaches us that four brothers, named Tuber—one of whom has already arrived—intend to pay another visit to this country, for the purpose of going into the provinces to sell shares for a shady concern which already has offices in Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

We do not know when they are coming, or whether their visit heralds a fresh invasion of Yankee crooks.

But in view of the facts we have given here, we hope that the Home Office will go into the whole question without delay, and take action before any other victims are added to the long list of those who have already been so wantonly fleeced.

The Rt. Hon. Sir William Joynson-Hicks, M.P., Home Secretary, who should, in justice to the victims take action to prevent alien financial sharks from operating here

A "Brilliant" Idea

Bunkum from Brussels

AN offer which is calculated to tempt a great many simple people is being made by "The iamond Jewellery Manufacturers," 15, Rue Markelbach, Brussels.

This firm has lately been adver-ing in the provincial Press and akes the glittering announcement at it is able to supply diamonds direct from the Belgian manu-cturers and exporters" at prices ee from duty.

It has single diamond "articles" offer from £5 to £1,000, whilst me of its "special lines" include rrings, "containing eighteen to irty fine brilliants and real pearl ntre," at £30 and £18 10s.

oney in the bank

For £9 or £14 you can take your oice of a ring, brooch or tie-pin with nine fine brilliants."

The money can be sent to the iaranty Commercial Bank, Brussels, deposit, to be paid to the com-ny on receipt of a letter confirming at the articles have been received d are quite satisfactory.

The suggestion is that there is no risk, for if the intending purchaser is disappointed in any way the "bank" holds his money and will return it to him immediately.

One or two facts which are not disclosed to the public in these glowing advertisements seem to throw a different complexion on the matter.

A one-man show

In the first place, the announcements of the Diamond Jewellery Manufacturers are submitted to the Press by a concern known as the Union Trade Corporation, which in its turn refers the newspapers to the Guaranty Commercial Bank (Bond Dept.) for payment.

Now information from Brussels shows that all three concerns are represented by one person. This gentleman resides on the first floor of a small, two-storey dwelling-house, and is "Diamond Jewellery Manufacturer," "Union Trade Corporation" and "Guaranty Commercial Bank" all in one.

The public will agree that in the circumstances Belgium is a long way to send their money.

An Optical Illusion

Spoofing the Spectacle-maker

WHEN the Mountain Ash Education Committee appointed Mr. J. Parry Morton, of Dowlais, as their optician in 1919, the latter did not deem a written agreement necessary, and saw no reason to believe that the appointment would be unsatisfactory.

Mr. Morton executed the orders for glasses as they came in and despatched them each week to the authorities for distribution. It was arranged that the education authorities should collect the fees from the parents and reimburse Mr. Morton.

A strange explanation

But when the contract terminated in 1922 there were numerous spectacles still unpaid for.

Time went on, and early this year the optician decided to write to the chairman of the committee to remind him that a sum of over £20 was still outstanding.

After some further delay he received a reply—but no money. In place of the latter was a parcel of spectacles—the ones which had not been paid for

The explanation given was to the effect that it had been impossible to get the parents in question to pay for the glasses, which had been retained at the clinic in the hope that part payment could be obtained.

A list was graciously appended to the letter of the children whose parents had been so remiss, and the hope was expressed that Mr. Morton would be able to dispose of the lenses elsewhere and so "avoid a dead loss."

Not playing the game

It should be noted that Mr. Morton is not the first gentleman to be treated in this manner.

Prior to his appointment in 1919 the position was held by Messrs. Spiridion and Son, of Cardiff. These opticians were also victims of a misplaced confidence. They contend that the Mountain Ash Education Committee still owes them £18 odd.

It seems an extraordinary thing for a public body to enter into contracts without apparently considering itself under any obligation to reimburse private traders for work performed to its order.

EVE'S CRIME CLUB

WOMEN THIEVES' KITCHEN

Deadlier than the Male!

BELOW we expose some of the methods adopted by the most dangerous gang in London at the present time. The information we have handed to the police should lead to it being speedily broken up

SOME of the most dangerous female thieves in London are to be found nightly in the bar of an hotel in the West End theatre area, the name of which we withhold in order not to hinder the police, in whose hands we have placed certain information.

They range in type from common pickpockets to expert jewel thieves, but one and all are decidedly dangerous and form a grave menace to society.

A number of the former class, who work together, and who are making considerable sums at the present time by their cleverly planned coups, have actually made this West End haunt their headquarters.

Clever "hustlers"

These women, many of them ex-jailbirds, make a speciality of "hustling" theatre crowds. Surrounding a prospective dupe they "hustle" him this way and that, whilst it is left to one of them to "lift" his wallet or watch.

So cleverly and rapidly do they work that the suspicion of the victim is rarely aroused until it is too late.

A case was recently heard at Marlborough Street Police Court in which three of these women pickpockets figured. Observation had been kept upon them, and they were seen to congregate at the same resort.

Afterwards they were shadowed to another den in the neighbourhood of Cambridge Circus, from whence they emerged to operate amongst the crowds coming out of the Palace Theatre.

It was noticed that they were particularly attentive to drunken men, and they were subsequently taken in charge.

The price of silence

The women, whose names were given as Sarah Steers, Eliza Anderson and Florence Fitzgerald, had all been previously convicted. They are now in jail again for a period of three months, which, in the case of Miss Anderson, makes her fifteenth conviction!

Amongst the various other types of female crooks who patronise this meeting-place with calm effrontery are to be found certain women who act as decoys for night clubs and bullying blackmailers.

In the latter instance the females pose as respectable married women in need of a little temporary assistance. After inducing their victims to go off with them they suddenly give a signal to male accomplices.

These gentlemen point out to the alarmed victims that they are the lawful husbands of the ladies in question, and usually manage to extract substantial sums of money as the price of "silence."

Other women frequenters of this plague-spot are the associates of coloured rogues, and they, too, are in search of moneyed victims. One notorious woman who is often to be found there is the cast-off wife of a race-gang ruffian.

One rogue the less

She uses her persuasive powers to induce men to take her for little taxi-rides, and in the course of these journeys her newly-found friends are generally parted from their wallets.

The chances of any of her victims taking action are remote indeed, for the fear of publicity, which a prosecution would entail, prompts them to suffer their loss in silence.

A little while ago an old gentleman was plied with much liquor by two newly made "lady" friends at this resort. When his faculties had been thus rendered sufficiently hazy, he was taken out into the street and robbed of a large sum of money.

He was unable to prosecute, for the simple reason that he had no inkling, when the wisdom of the morning came, of the identity of his "friends."

Until fairly recently one of the chief frequenters of this thieves' kitchen was a gentleman known to the police as Charlie Harvey.

He has passed by many other names and is well known in this country and America as a super-rogue. It is significant that he has made a particular feature of employing women confederates in many of his house-breaking and other schemes. There is little doubt that this fact alone explains his partiality to this resort.

We are pleased to record, however, that he will not be seen there again—at least, not for some considerable time, as he has just been extradited to America, where, in the name of Sullivan, he has to answer charges of a very serious character.

But the women crooks who constitute the real menace remain unperturbed.

A dangerous gang

The management of this haunt cannot stop such people from using—or misusing—their establishment, for so long as the licensing laws are properly complied with they are, of course, relieved of all responsibility.

But there is no reason why the police should not take some practical advice from this exposure. If they pay a little attention to the various rascals who frequent this place they should soon find themselves in a position to round up one of the most dangerous gangs of female crooks in London.

"GIVE A DOG—"

DOWN ON THE DOWN

The Humane Judge

IT is a matter of common justice that a man who has expiated a crime should be given a chance of making good again. To hinder him in honest endeavour is a crime against humanity and justice

LETTERS of sadness and despair are constantly reaching us from people in humble circumstances who have had the misfortune to be sent to jail, and who complain of the bitterness of the world towards them when they "come out."

A pathetic story reaches us from West Hartlepool, the details of which serve to show how difficult indeed is the problem to which we refer.

John Scott is thirty-six years of age, and is a shoemaker by profession. Some time ago he committed a crime, and was sent to prison.

He did not complain—he had sinned and it was right and just that he should accordingly suffer the consequences.

When he came out of jail in November last he found that the world spurned him.

Raking up the past

Although he had expiated his crime, he discovered, like so many others have done, that employers in general do not want to employ a man with a "past." He was everywhere "turned down" as an outsider.

But he struggled on, trying hard to get work. He failed until his heart ached. Then he tried to get the "dole." This was refused him—he was a jail bird.

Next he went to the guardians—the Guardians of West Hartlepool. Here, again, he was turned away.

He has a wife and five children, whose only means of subsistence were the receipt of 25s.—parish relief.

Now 25s. is not much with which to feed six mouths—even if Scott himself was expected and agreed to starve—and to keep the landlord from complaining that the rent was overdue.

So, driven from pillar to post, John Scott fell again.

A few days ago he was charged at Durham Quarter Sessions with obtaining money by false pretences, and he was placed in the dock before His Honour Judge Greenwell.

The right to live

His Honour, after he had heard the evidence against Scott, and had listened to his sorrowful plea, made some comments to which we think it wise to give the widest publicity.

"I have yet to find," His Honour said, "that because a man has been convicted he has not a right to live.

"Apparently the view of the guardians was that because a man had been in prison and could not work—which was almost impossible to get in these days—he should be allowed to die of starvation as soon as possible, or commit another crime to get back to prison.

"This man has purged his offence by being in prison, and when he came out he had the same right as other members of the community, and as much right as anyone else, to be kept alive."

Splendid words these, words which conveyed to the unfortunate Scott the consolation that, even though the world in general may be cold, there is sometimes compassion in the heart of a solemn judge.

Scott was bound over and is now free again. A relative is finding him some work to do to save him from drifting once more on to the threshold of jail.

His Honour's kindly decision to bind him over has made this possible.

Starved into crime

Is not the case of a man like this a problem indeed?

And is there not some better way of treating such people than that of turning them down, casting them from one broken hope to another, until, in complete dismay and desperation, they resort to crime to save themselves from dying of sheer starvation?

In another case a young fellow who got into trouble came to us—a wreck of his former self—with a similar kind of story.

He had been to jail for obtaining money by fraud and, unable to get work when he came out, was reduced to a state of extreme poverty.

He went from place to place in search of employment and, without a reference, was turned down everywhere.

Eventually he got a position as chauffeur to a gentleman belonging to a governmental diplomatic staff and, after the first day or so, he began to think that his troubles were all over.

Up against the world

The employer was quite satisfied with his new servant until a detective called and asked to see the reference he had given when he obtained the situation.

It was then discovered that it was a false one, made out by himself, and he was arrested.

He pleaded for leniency at the police court, pointing out that it was an utter impossibility for him to get honest work in order to go straight, and said he had given himself the reference in order to obtain the job.

Despite the fact that his new employer expressed himself as quite satisfied with him, he was sent again to jail.

He did wrong in giving the false reference, of course. But how could he get work with the stigma of jail upon him and the world against him, even though his one desire was to lead a straightforward and honest life?

AN UN-SAFETY MATCH COMPANY

RISKING OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY

The Judge's Warning

A MOVING letter came to us the other day from the West of England, in which the iter told how he had got into uch with a concern and, believing to be in a flourishing condition, d invested the sum of £150 in der to get employment.

He parted with his savings in ly last, and very soon made the squieting discovery that the con- rn was not a flourishing one after all.

He found, for instance, that about rty other people had been induced invest money in order to obtain nployment, just as he had done.

Realising that all was not well, he cided to ask for his money back. e did not get it, but was put off th all manner of suave promises.

We were very interested in this tter, for the name of the concern question was quite familiar. It s the Service Match Industry, one-man business, run by a gentle- an named Captain Harold Hosking, hose activities were severely iticised in these columns a short me ago.

bluff-and-bluster oncern

It is significant that Captain losking has since appeared in the ankruptcy court, and though this ay not afford much consolation to e gentleman who has lost his vings, and the countless other ictims who have been duped, there e one or two features which are orthy of note.

It should be borne in mind that aptain Hosking's concern looked ery imposing upon paper. It had anches in Glasgow, Cardiff, Man- hester, Plymouth, Hull, Reading, swich, Liverpool and Southampton.

But all those branches were opened by poor fellows in need of work, who invested their savings in order to get that work.

And with all his bluff and bluster, with all his suave assurances that the investors' money would be refunded and their salaries paid in full, Captain Hosking's bankruptcy was brought about in what is perhaps the most ignominious manner imaginable. He was made bankrupt by a moneylender!

A scandalous admission

When cross-examined by the Official Receiver he admitted that when he started his venture he possessed no capital whatever! This admission, coupled with his subsequent statement to the effect that he "advertised for investing managers, and was successful in obtaining a number," stamps him as a plausible humbug.

Could anything be more scandalous than to start a business of a highly speculative character at the risk of other people's savings, obtained by taking advantage of their urgent need of employment?

According to his own admission, Captain Hosking has failed for about £12,011, and this sum of money applies to creditors who are unsecured. His assets, it should be noted, are negligible. It is thought, too, that he really owes far more than he has admitted.

The casual manner in which he induced people to invest money in his business is apparently typical of the man. For it seems that no proper accounts have been kept and no balance-sheets have ever been issued to show what has happened to the money entrusted to his care.

Nor, in the figures quoted above, is there any record of certain transactions Captain Hosking had with various other people. He received £1,600 from a lady named Hicks, but has not thought it necessary to account for such a trifling sum!

He also received £250 from a Mr. Thompson, and £150 from a gentleman named Clark. Both these amounts have been ignored by the captain in the same way.

These sums, then, being in excess of the £12,011 already referred to, certainly call for some explanation.

Another point, and one which must be regarded very seriously, is that this man took some of the money from anxious job-seekers at a time when he was insolvent.

Gambling with others' money

What has he to say in the matter? He contents himself apparently with the casual remark that he would have acted differently had he known as much about business as he does to-day.

This is all very well, but poor consolation for those whose money he was risking during his process of gaining business experience.

The situation may be briefly summed up as follows: Captain Hosking had no money of his own, so he gambled with other people's and lost it. This is surely a scandalous thing, and the saddest aspect of the matter is that in the eyes of the law he has apparently done nothing wrong.

Practically all of his investors have lost their money, yet when they go to the police they are told that no help can be given as the matter is one for the civil courts.

Lord Hewart, the Lord Chief Justice, who recently condemned the "job-with-investment" swindle

Thousands of pounds are lost in a similar fashion by poor fellows who entrust their money to booby-traps of this sort.

The latest swindle

Judge after judge has condemned such propositions, and only recently the Lord Chief Justice observed that people who took money from men in return for ostensible employment were practising one of the commonest forms of swindle of modern times.

Our politicians should see to it that it is rendered illegal for any person to take money from anyone in such a way without furnishing adequate security.

HUGE HOLIDAY HOAX

Holiday time provides various opportunities for crafty schemers. The public need to be on their guard

A MISLEADING GUIDE

A GIGANTIC holiday hoax, in which the proprietors of hotels in all parts of the ountry have been victimised, has een perpetrated by the Amalga- ated Advertising Bureau of Great ritain and Ireland.

Until a month or two ago this con- rn occupied offices at Astor House, ldwych, London, W.C.2, the pro- rietors being given as B. C. Medina nd S. Sherman, who described emselves as "Publicity, Press and oster specialists."

dvance booking

Reference was also made to a provincial office" at Midland hambers, 3, New Street, Birming- am, and, all things considered, the rm had every appearance of being erfectly sound and reliable.

Towards the end of last year, presentatives of the Amalgamated dvertising Bureau made a wide tour the country, calling upon hotel roprietors and placing an attractive roposition before them.

It was stated that a Touring and Holiday Guide was to be produced by the bureau early in the new year, and the persuasive agents lost no opportunity of extolling the advantages of advertising in its pages.

Hotel proprietors were urged to book space in the A.A.B. Guide in advance in order to make certain of obtaining the wonderful publicity, and numerous fees were collected in this way, ranging from 10s. 6d. to several guineas.

In March this year various enquiries began to reach us from anxious people who had "booked" space in the holiday guide and who were feeling perturbed at its non-appearance.

Tantalising delay

When Mr. Medina of the Amalgamated Advertising Bureau was approached he explained that there had been various delays in arranging for the printing of the guide.

He expressed the "hope" that it would be possible to publish before Whitsun, and, in fact, gave a promise that it should be ready by Whitsun at the latest.

Every day's delay was unsatisfactory from the point of view of those who had holiday apartments to let; but in view of this definite and apparently *bona fide* promise they could only stand and wait.

The last resort

Whitsun came, but there was still no sign of the Holiday Guide. There were, however, numerous fresh complaints from people who had parted with their money through the persuasive powers of silver-tongued agents.

The extent of the latter's activities may be gauged from the fact that victims had been obtained all over the country.

Northumberland, Cumberland, Gloucester, Devonshire, Somerset, Hampshire and Surrey are but a few of the areas covered by the enterprising representatives of the Touring and Holiday Guide.

Although the would-be advertisers wrote constantly, they were unable to obtain any satisfaction from the Amalgamated Advertising Bureau, and finally letters were returned with the disquieting inscription "Gone away."

The guide was first to be published on January 1, 1926. Postponed to Easter, it was finally definitely promised for Whitsun. "Gone away" was the only thing left for Medina, who could scarcely postpone a holiday guide till August Bank Holiday.

Enquiries at Astor House were not very helpful. All that could be elicited was the fact that the premises had been sub-let to the bureau by a firm which was equally anxious to know the whereabouts of Messrs. Medina and Sherman.

A game to stop

They must have collected a very substantial sum from hotel and boarding-house proprietors throughout the country, and the circumstances of their disappearance seem to merit police attention.

DOES the DUKE KNOW?

THE WALLED-UP PASSAGE

And the Poor Man Pays

THE Duke of Devonshire owns about 186,000 acres, including valuable mineral rights in Derbyshire.

The circumstances in which the agent of this titled land magnate made claim to a few extra square yards in the beautiful little village of Ashford-in-the-Water, near Bakewell, Derbyshire, afford interesting reading.

It was eventually admitted on the duke's behalf that he had no right to the ground in question, but not before workmen had taken possession from the rightful owner, who is a comparatively poor man.

Mr. James Wylde, the owner, is a caretaker and works at Sheffield. He and his wife, however, look forward to enjoying their old age in a charming little cottage which has been handed down to them by generation after generation in this delightful little Derbyshire hamlet.

A ducal coal-shed

Mr. Wylde owns the cottage and the land on which it stands, including a narrow passage-way at the side. This passage affords the only convenience for getting coals round to the back, removing refuse, etc., and people to-day confirm that it has been so used for sixty-five years.

Mr. Wylde's deeds date back more than 200 years.

Adjacent to Mr. Wylde's cottage are premises belonging to the duke, and a room of these premises abuts on Mr. Wylde's cottage, above the passage-way. This does not alter the fact that Mr. Wylde owns the soil and the right of way below.

Somebody, however, thought differently, and, without taking steps to consult Mr. Wylde when the latter, very justifiably, had protested, allowed workmen to brick-up the passage, for the purpose, it is understood, of commandeering it as a coal-shed!

Misplaced confidence

Mr. Wylde was once a staunch supporter of the duke who, before he succeeded to the dukedom in 1908, was his representative in the House of Commons for several years. Mr. Wylde canvassed for him.

Consequently, early last year when a rumour came to Mr. Wylde's ears that it was proposed to seize the passage he was unperturbed. He did not seriously believe that such an act would be committed, particularly as he (Mr. Wylde) held deeds which would prove its illegality.

Things, however, turned out differently. The rumour gained more credence after a few months, and, as alterations were in progress on the duke's adjacent property, Mr. Wylde found it necessary to take up the matter with the ducal agents and contractors.

He opened negotiations by correspondence, but his efforts to obtain an opportunity for personal discussion with the other side were not successful.

The alterations to the duke's premises were completed in October last, and Mr. Wylde assumed that his correspondence had dispelled the bogey effectively.

Not so, however, for on December 17 somebody kindly telegraphed to Mr. Wylde, "Started walling-up your passage." Naturally, Mr. Wylde could only take a serious view of what were certainly over-bearing methods.

An act of grace

The passage was walled-up by the duke's workmen and Mr. Wylde's tenant forced to get his coals in and carry out his dustbin through the living-room and larder.

Mr. Wylde took the wisest course in the circumstances. He consulted a solicitor, before whom he placed all his deeds. As a result, the duke was told that the passage had never belonged to him and was never used at any time in connection with his grace's property.

Mr. Wylde has regained possession without taking the matter to court, but he is poorer by £13 10s., the amount which he was forced to expend in defending his rights.

Considering the abrupt manner in which the passage was walled up without reference to Mr. Wylde, it would be an act of grace for the duke to foot the bill.

A MONEY "SPINNER"

A "PUT-AND-TAKE" PARTNERSHIP

Free with his Fortune

A GENTLEMAN in search of employment was attracted by the following announcement in the Press: "Partner Wanted, £150 Cash, Mail Order. Big Profits. Draw £5 weekly. Genuine. Every investigation."

This interesting announcement was made by the British Novelty Company, of 1, Barter Street, W.C. 1, and when the gentleman called to make a few enquiries he was received by a Mr. L. Burgess.

Mr. Burgess stated that £150 was required for advertising a "novelty," of which he held the exclusive selling rights.

Fortune-making novelty

In return for this investment a salary of £5 per week was guaranteed, with a third of all subsequent profits, which were expected to be very large indeed.

What was the "novelty" that was to make this fortune?

It was a "new and original" gambling device, known as a "Put and Take" Board, and was a far more elaborate affair than the spinning jenny which had a brief but somewhat popular vogue a few years back.

The actual details of the "fastest and fairest selling speciality ever offered to the British sporting public," may be briefly described as follows:

The "boards" are made in two sizes, containing 200 and 300 tickets respectively.

The purchaser of a board sets up as banker and invites people to "try their luck" by drawing a ticket at sixpence a time.

Half the tickets in each board are "losers," whilst the remainder carry certain prize values.

The bank wins heavily every time, as in actual figures it takes in £5 and pays out only £3 15s. on the small boards, whilst on the larger ones £7 10s. is obtained, and only £5 12s. paid out.

These "Put and Take" boards are to be sold by the British Novelty Company at 5s. and 8s. a time, and it is interesting to note from the company's printed matter that it realises that many people might have some serious scruples about running the device on the lines indicated above.

A friend freezer

Its candour will be appreciated for, after all, it might be rather embarrassing to some people to invite their friends to "try their luck" knowing full well that 100 or 150 of them would be disappointed.

Those who have scruples are told that they are not obliged to operate the board themselves—they may, if they desire, sell the device to their friends at a "higher" price than they are charged for it and so reap an immediate profit.

In this connection it is pointed out that, as the boards bear no address upon them, "your friends will have to come to you for further supplies. You can thus make a regular income without risk or effort."

This is all very well, but will the people who have scruples about fleecing their friends by running the "Put and Take" board be very much easier in their minds by deriving a regular income from selling them the device at an excessive profit?

The gentleman who answered the partnership advertisement decided to look elsewhere for an investment, and the general feeling will probably be that he was not unwise.

A risky gamble

The "Put and Take" board may be a novelty, and it may find a ready sale for a time; but as a permanent paying proposition it will strike many people as being too much of a gamble.

For, after all, if it possesses such money-spinning possibilities, why should the British Novelty Company be willing to share the prospective fortune?

Can it be that its faith in the venture is not so great as is manifested in its printed matter? Or has it scruples about making too much money for itself?

Pogrom Victim's Dilemma

A TERRIBLE NIGHTMARE

Harsh Official Action

A MONTH or two ago we received a pitiful letter from Mrs. M. Livingstone, a Liverpool reader, asking if anything could be done to bring her nephew home from Russia.

This young lad is the victim of a pogrom—one of those terrible massacres—in which both his parents and his five brothers and sisters were slaughtered before his eyes, and his plight is terrible indeed.

"Dear Auntie," he wrote to Mrs. Livingstone, "the scene is for ever in front of me. I wake up at nights and can see the scene again; my mother and father and sisters and brothers lying in pools of blood.

"The very country keeps bringing the scene for ever to my vision. If I could only get away from this country it would help me to forget."

It is easy to imagine how Mrs. Livingstone's heart goes out to her poor nephew, and her desire to bring him to this country and adopt him as one of her own family will be understood and applauded by all—all, that is, except the authorities, who remain callous and unmoved.

A strange proposal

Immediately on receipt of Mrs. Livingstone's letter we communicated with the Aliens Branch of the Home Office and laid all the facts before them.

After a long and anxious period of waiting the decision of the authorities was announced. They stated that the case had been "very carefully considered," but that the Secretary of State had decreed that the lad's admission to the United Kingdom for residence could not be approved.

It was added, however, that a "proposal" for the boy to come here in transit to an institution in Palestine would be "considered," if certain arrangements were made.

So although this poor lad has kindly relations in England who are ready and willing to take him into their home and look after his future welfare, it cannot be, and the only alternative offered is that of a none-too-inviting existence in an "institution" amongst strangers in Palestine.

Cause for misgiving

The "certain arrangements" referred to are for Mrs. Livingstone to contribute £2 10s. towards his upkeep. This sum is quite beyond her means, and the prospect of leaving her nephew to the tender mercies of an "institution" fills her with misgiving.

Asked why a request, which must surely strike everyone as reasonable, should have met with cold refusal, the Home Office merely stated that "it would be contrary to practice to furnish such information."

If there is any reason why this poor lad should be denied the chance of a brighter future, why can it not be stated? The attitude of the authorities is inexplicable.

DR. REITMAN, president of the famous college where crooks, outcasts and ne'er-do-wells are scientifically treated, is in London on the first stage of his European tour for an examination of the problem of the human failure. In this article he deals with the British outcast and vagrant.

Now Listen to Me!

by **Dr. BEN L. REITMAN** (*President Chicago Hobo College*)

ONG ago, Jesus, the Hobo of Nazareth, said: "Ye have the poor always with you." London, as well as other cities, proves this declaration true.

Down through the centuries have come the or. Dynasties have changed; monarchies have en transformed into democracies; political parties ve gained and lost power. But the poor e still with us, and politicians, philanthropists d philosophers have striven in vain to solve e problem.

I admit the poor are less miserably poor in tward semblance.

Thirty years ago I came to London as an nerican tramp. I walked from Liverpool and ade my way to Well Street, Whitechapel. For month I existed from hand to mouth, sleeping the parks, begging from charitable institutions d hobnobbing with drunken sailors.

And at that time a large proportion of the pulation were in tatters, and the children were nched and sickly. Now, when once again I lk through the same streets of London I find mparatively few ragged.

n army of agrants

When I first came to London the girls wore tton stockings and shawls; to-day I notice any have real or artificial silk. If this is not ogress it at least makes for beauty.

I have digested the Ministry of Labour *Gazette*, d the table of "Persons in Receipt of Poor w Relief" and other official statements, and hat do I find? That in mighty London one out of ery eight persons is being assisted from the rates. Paupers, 226,000; receiving the "dole," 7,000; Army and Navy pensioners, 20,000; d-age pensioners, 90,000; pauper insane, 18,000; erage sick in hospital, 13,000; floating popula- on found in common lodging-houses, 22,000.

There is a quarter of a million adults in London ho may be properly called vagrant. The legal finition of a vagrant is an individual without y visible means of support. It may be poor lief, Army or Navy pension, "dole" or old- e pension. In America practically all of the ove would receive no aid from the municipality. e have no old-age pension or unemployed surance.

If I were asked to outline a policy for dealing ith the so-called vagrants I should follow the ethods adopted at our Hobo College, Chicago.

departmental learing-house

First, I would have a clearing-house where very individual needing aid would be obliged come. After ascertaining his needs he would e directed to a number of departments. Men eding hospital treatment would be sent to a edical department; any needing glasses would ve them; if there was a need for surgical oper- ion, it would be arranged for.

Secondly, and this I regard as most important, pplicants would go to a mental hygiene depart- ent, where a group of trained psychologists ould examine and classify them.

If the British vagrant corresponded to his merican cousin some 10 per cent. of all applicants ould be found to be suffering from some form insanity, and here we get the key to the true nfirmed vagrant. In addition, we should weed t the depressed, hysterical, the senile, and the nfirmed drunkards. The mental would need stitutioual care; others, clinic care.

Thirdly, all men addicted to drink or drugs would be sent to a drink clinic or to a special alcoholic and drug hospital.

Fourthly, applicants would be sent to a special lecture where they would be told the fundamental facts about unemployment, employment, insurance, pensions, and the economic arrangements of society. In substance the applicant would be told:

"Life is a very serious affair, but first you must learn to take care of yourself. If you are poor, and miserable, and suffer, no one is going to worry particularly about you—it is your funeral.

"It is your business to provide for yourself and to make the most of life. We live under a social system where there must always be a certain amount of unemployment and a job cannot be guaranteed all the time."

The danger of isolation

Having gained the good will and interest of the applicant, the lesson is hammered in: "Save and invest your earnings so that if hard times come you will be able to take care of yourself. Hesitate to give up one job unless you are sure of another.

"Join a labour union. Organised workers are always better off than the unorganised. Be fraternal with your mates; the solitary man has no friends when he most needs them. Stand by your parents, your wife and your children."

A Government's chief function is not to take care of the poor. They must learn to take care of themselves, and nothing strikes me with more force in examining the problems of present-day vagrancy in London than the growing helplessness and indolence of those who are hanging on rate-aid and charity-help.

Fifthly, all applicants would be sent to a lecture-hall where they would be taught the elements of physiology and sanitation, the outline of dietetics and food values, the value of bathing and exercise and proper habitation.

A new vision

It has been proved in our Hobo College that men who get clean, exercise and eat properly get away from vagrancy in an amazingly short time. They are revitalised, and become men.

Sixthly, applicants would hear at the lecture-hall the truth about gambling. Not in sensational melodrama, but in cold statistical facts concerning great gamblers, their net wins and losses, and their final end. The hope to escape honest toil and make a living from gambling is a delusion.

Seventhly, all applicants would be taught in simple language the fundamental facts of life as relating to physiology and philosophy. It is surprising how a few elemental facts open men's eyes to an entirely new view of life. I have seen a typical Hobo get a grip upon himself and become a hard worker with a growing bankroll.

And, lastly, after applicants have been instructed, their needs are supplied. The weeding process would sift out the sick, infirm, inadequate, very young and very old. But those able to work would be sent to find their own jobs rather than that jobs should be found for them.

Where the general business and industry could not absorb them, then the State should give a man a job at standard wage. Automobile roads should be constructed. The tearing down of slums and the building of modern houses should be continued. It is a simple method to outline a programme whereby every able-bodied man could be given work.

Mr. Frank Gray, ex-M.P. for Oxford City, who, disguised as a tramp, made a tour of the casual wards in Oxfordshire for the purpose of investigating for himself the scandalous treatment meted out to the tramp

Children should be taken out of industry for their own sakes and to make room for the adult worker. I am strongly of opinion that every child should be kept at school until at least sixteen; better still, until it finishes in a secondary school, or finer yet, I would like to see every British child have a college education.

How to regain supremacy

With her present method of production and distribution, it is necessary that Britain should do as we do in America—have about 10 per cent. of the workers occupied in making automobiles, gramophones, wireless, cosmetics and other articles of luxury. In order to permit the purchasing of these articles, wages must be increased.

Wages are too low in Britain. There must be no objection to every family owning an automobile; every woman ought to be able to buy one pair of silk stockings a week; every child half-a-dozen different toys. You should not wait a hundred years to pull down a building that is old-fashioned and inadequate.

Sentiment must be cast aside, so that quaint and crooked streets can be replaced by wide and effective thoroughfares.

There will be less vagrants when overtime is cut out and the labour day is shortened. The universal eight-hour day must, in consequence, give place to the seven-hour day.

Britain must work hard and harder to gain back the supremacy in supplying the markets of the world. The world is waiting for the necessity and luxury articles that the British working-man can supply better than any other.

The lost independence

The vagrants must bethink themselves that charity and help cannot always be given to them. The business man must remember that the way out of the enervating "dole," unemployment, and vagrancy is by hard work and every man suited to his job.

May I not venture to say that Britain has grown too accustomed to think in terms of unemployment insurance, old age and other pensions? She must try and forget her almshouses and poor law institutions, and think in terms of a well-paid, happy, healthy working class who can take care of themselves and provide for their children and old age without Government support.

Britain must be prepared to build a world without poverty, misery, and vagrancy. She can do it if she will.

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities

To the LORD ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, Lambeth Palace.

MY LORD ARCHBISHOP,—The Church is at last rising to her opportunities. The meetings you approved between the Industrial Christian Fellowship and first the mine-owners and then the miners were well timed. The Church has no function as industrial arbiter. But what she can do, and what she always ought to have done, is to promote the spirit of goodwill out of which justice is born. Piety that stands aloof is contemptible.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. D. LLOYD GEORGE, M.P., Cheyne Walk, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—If "disarmament is the crux, the key, the high road to peace," it is true that a tremendous change of thought is needed. Towards this end you sound the right note of courage and high endeavour. *The nations must be taught to take risks in peace.* They take terrible risks in war. Unless a similar high spirit of adventure is invoked to promote peace the end of civilisation is well in sight. JOHN BULL.

To General Sir IAN HAMILTON, G.C.B., Hyde Park Gardens, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—You pay a well-deserved tribute to the well-nigh incaluable service rendered by the miners to the country in the war. You wisely advise that those outside the dispute should refrain from "lecturing" angry men struggling for a livelihood. You conceive it a human duty to help the women and children who are suffering. Better than all it would become the Government to concentrate on bringing the whole unhappy trouble to an end. JOHN BULL.

To Cadet ALLEN, C o Guildford Hospital.

DEAR LAD,—On the morning when you were due to shoot at Bisley for Marlborough College in the Ashburton Shield event, you were taken with severe internal pains, yet you scored 30 points out of a possible 35. Put to bed in the club-house, you rose again in the afternoon and beat your morning score by one. Hence you were rushed to hospital, where you were operated upon for acute appendicitis. A boy of fifteen capable of such stoic endurance for the honour of his school will assuredly go far! JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., Minister of Health.

DEAR SIR,—When Mr. C. Edwards, in the House of Commons, asked if you were aware that at Hellingly Asylum the East Sussex County Council employ female nurses to attend insane male patients, you replied that you were so aware, but did not propose action to stop the practice. This is a grave mistake. There have been recent cases of nurses being subjected to murderous attacks by insane male patients. Such cases should invariably be attended by men. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. STEPHEN WALSH, M.P., Swinley Road, Wigan.

DEAR SIR,—You have hit a useful nail on the head in demanding complete and truthful returns of the financial position of the coal mines. As you shrewdly observe, "the depositing of accounts at Somerset House is not so much publication as burial." Daylight disclosure is the only cure for suspicion and mistrust. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. J. H. THOMAS, M.P., Unity House, N.W.

DEAR SIR,—You have many friends, and, in common with all men much in the public eye, not a few critics. Nevertheless, few will criticise your dictum that "you do not propose to allow your policy, or the policy of the N.U.R., to be dictated or influenced by any outside bodies, whether they be called the Minority Movement or the saviours of any other country." That was a dignified and entirely justified pronouncement. JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD:—"Labour members are not out to copy their opponents but to show them a good example."

Splendid. Now tell us when the show is timed to begin.

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SIR JOHN SIMON:—"Oh, democracy, what crimes are committed in thy name."

Most crimes against democracy are committed by those who pretend to lead democracy.

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MR. CHURCHILL:—"I decline utterly to be impartial as between the fire and the fire brigade."

Then you'll be burnt by the one or drenched by the other and find either equally ruinous.

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DR. C. W. SALEEBY:—"What we can do for animals at the Zoo by artificial sunlight we ought to do for little children."

And we ought to do it for little children before we do it for animals at the Zoo.

To Mr. JOHN RATCLIFFE COUSINS, West London Police Court.

SIR,—You were angry when you learned that a coster obstructing Kensington High Street with his barrow had been arrested like a common felon. "This is not a crime," you declared, "and there is no reason why a man should be taken into custody." It will be a good thing if this vigorous protest puts an end to a long-standing abuse.

JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. Councillor SANDS, Chairman, Smethwick Health Committee.

DEAR MADAM,—You are guilty of no exaggeration when you say that "many working-class mothers deserve the V.C. for their heroic fight against present-day conditions." If ever "valour" was needed it is in the daily struggle to feed and clothe a family, with a husband out of work or cheated of a living wage. The shame is that bravery should be put to so cruel a test.

JOHN BULL.

To Miss IZA THOMPSON, Hugh Myddelton Institute, Clerkenwell.

DEAR MADAM,—Though deaf and dumb children have perfectly normal vocal chords, few people realise the possibility of teaching them to speak. By means of a dancing gas flame you accomplish this, the children learning by watching the sensitiveness of the flame how to produce the correct range of sounds. You are helping the deaf mutes to take a normal place in the world. It is a great work. JOHN BULL.

To Miss MARGARET STEEL, Ripon, Yorks.

DEAR MISS STEEL,—None doubts the grit of the Yorkshire breed; yet never has the County of the Broad Acres sent South a finer specimen of plucky and athletic girlhood than yourself. While on a visit to East Molesey you unhesitatingly dived from a frail punt to the rescue of a little boy, after which you took both him and a companion to your mother, who provided the lads with new suits of clothes. Well done, indeed! JOHN BULL.

To Sir LEWIS DIBDIN, D.C.L., Dean of Arches and Vicar-General.

DEAR SIR,—I don't think much of your measure of a man. Because a parson, after evening service, threw off his surplice and helped drive home a herd of cattle, "How," you asked the Church Assembly in pained surprise, "can he hope to retain the respect of his parish?" Better, I should hope, Sir Lewis, than by drawing aside his vestments, Pharisee-wise, and acting like a snob. A parson is expected to be a man. JOHN BULL.

TRACTOR-DRIVER SAMUEL: "I'm here if I'm wanted. If I'm wanted I'm here!"

Without Fear or Favour —*by The Editor*

A SHOCK FOR DISMAL JIMMY

The Price of a Man

A DISTINGUISHED American lawyer, Mr. Frederick Peabody, has startled his countrymen with the demand that the Washington Government should unconditionally release its foreign debtors.

In aid of this generous plea Mr. Peabody quotes the opinion of a United States army officer who "figures" that on a proper reckoning America is actually indebted to Europe to the amount of £1,300,000,000.

The interesting thing is that to arrive at this figure these arithmeticians count not only money, but men. They argue that by holding the Germans at bay while America was getting ready for war, the Allies saved her from the brunt of the slaughter; and they estimate the value of a man's life at £10,000.

Here is a new scale of human values. Hitherto, the balance-sheets between nations have left wholly out of account the worth of human life.

Capitalise the value as a potential wealth-producer of a young man with his working-life before him, and it will be seen that there is no exaggeration in that figure of £10,000. If anything, it is an understatement of the hideous waste in using men as fodder for guns.

In the industrial arena we are guilty of the same crass folly. Prosperity will return to the mining districts as soon as we learn to set a proper value on the lives of men, to recognise in the neglected human element the primary source and origin of the nation's wealth.

There can be no lasting prosperity for any country "where wealth accumulates and men decay." Mr. Peabody has put his finger on a vital truth. The needless sacrifice of a single human life, on the battlefield or in a city slum, is an irreparable national loss.

The Chinese Puzzle

THE ordinary newspaper-reader is unable to make head or tail of what is happening in China. The most he can gather is that several generals with unpronounceable names are doing all sorts of incomprehensible things, while the Western Powers watch anxiously for the opportunity of unanimous "intervention," which seems never likely to arrive.

There is one pungent truth, however, that ought not to be forgotten. The guns and ammunition with which Chinamen are waging civil war, endangering the lives of European residents in China and destroying much of our trade with the Far East, were supplied by Western firms, and in some instances actually by European Governments.

After the war China was made the dump for a vast amount of Europe's surplus ammunition, so that when complaining of the perils and penalties of Chinese disorder, we may profitably reflect that in a great measure we are being hoist with our own petard.

So long as we sanction this uncontrolled traffic in armaments we must expect to pay for our folly.

Let's All be Optimists!

THE prelude to wealth is health. Sound national health is the first step to national prosperity. The industry of nation-building is certainly not suffering from the prevailing depression!

AFTER reading the review of the work of the Ministry of Health for the last twelve months, we are tempted to wonder why Government Departments do not make more use of the tremendous force of publicity.

It is like a ray of sunshine in the middle of all the industrial unrest and severe economic depression to read of at least one Ministry that is making definite progress towards better things.

For all we know there may be others: if there are, we wish most fervently that their chiefs would tell the nation with as much clarity as Mr. Neville Chamberlain has done, just what they are doing and what definite results they have achieved.

Housing has, ever since the war, been the paramount need of the people. Mr. Chamberlain's figures are impressive as showing the earnestness with which the job has been tackled.

During the five years preceding the war the annual rate of house-building was 61,000. During the twelve months that ended on March 31 of this year the number of houses erected was 173,000, and of these no fewer than 153,700 were working-class dwellings.

"We are," said Mr. Chamberlain, "eating into arrears." We think he was well entitled to say that.

He did not hesitate, however, to point out the terrific financial liability the State is assuming in regard to housing, and his warning should be taken to heart by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

It should be his business not to curtail this State expenditure on a vital national need, but to encourage it and render it easier by the severest pruning and restriction of wasteful expenditure in other departments.

SPEAKING of Health Insurance, Mr. Chamberlain said, "It is a bold and novel experiment that has stood the ordeal of experience well, and has, on the whole, fulfilled the expectation of those responsible for it."

This is another side of the Ministry's work that should receive every possible assistance from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for if the small instalment of National Insurance we have tried has proved so successful there is no logical argument to be advanced against a comprehensive all-in State Insurance Scheme.

It would cost a great deal of money, but so do useless battleships, cruisers and submarines cost a great deal of money. A nation that was in earnest about its well-being would not hesitate for a moment as to the objects on which its money should be spent.

The purification of milk, the abolition of food preservatives and the numerous regulations for pure and clean food are evidence of the seriousness with which the Ministry of Health regards its work.

What is not so satisfactory is the lack of "punch" behind the enforcement of these entirely necessary regulations. There is a good deal of tightening up to be done before the Ministry's work can be made really effective.

WHEN we come to the question of disease there can be no doubt that, slowly but surely, we are making progress towards health. Cancer, tuberculosis and sleepy sickness may not be conquered, but they are certainly on the defensive. "Nothing is more certain," said Mr. Chamberlain, "than that a cure for cancer is coming."

Reading between the lines of his survey there is no doubt that his Department is more than ever convinced of the close relationship that exists between bad housing and impure food and the terrible diseases that ravage the ill-housed and the under-nourished.

That is why we are so pleased to learn that real progress in the rehousing and better feeding of the people is at last taking place, since that is our own deep-rooted conviction.

At any rate, the country has no reason to be greatly dissatisfied with those who are looking after its health and considerable reason to be optimistic with regard to the future.

The Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain's review of the year's work of the Ministry of Health is an example that might well be followed by other Government Departments. Crying needs of the people, however, remain unsatisfied. Money spent to preserve health is a fine investment for the nation

The Money-go-round

THAT there is all the difference between making money for personal aggrandisement and making it with sincere desire to let others share in the beneficence it produces is proved by the recent action of Mr. Thomas Wall, of Blythewood, Sutton.

Mr. Wall is head of the company which produces Wall's sausages and ice-cream. He has made the care of young people his life's hobby. At Sutton he runs one of the largest nursery schools in England. He provides growing youth with gymnasiums and various forms of recreations.

At eighty years of age he still calls himself the "Lover of the boys and girls of London," and crowns his former benefactions by the princely gift of £20,000 to the National Playing Fields Association. He wants to see the natural beauty spots preserved, and, above all, the lads and lassies of our crowded city streets happily and healthily at play in the open air.

He likes to work "behind the scenes." He prefers anonymity. We have no desire to force unwelcome publicity. But it is necessary to combat the growing idea that "making money" is in itself an evil.

The man who, by using common-sense and modern methods, builds up a successful business, gives good conditions to his fellow workers, and pays fair wages, is an all-round asset to the country.

The amount of happiness and prosperity of the humblest worker in the organisation is the real measure of business soundness. If, after that, wealth still accrues to the head of the business, who shall cavil at it? And if that surplus wealth is used to spread health and happiness beyond the confines of a business, who shall deny that wealth and honour at last walk hand in hand?

The Emperor of Bedlam

by A. G. GARDINER

NO one doubts that Labour can kill the industry of this country if it wants to. But when it has killed it where is Labour going? What has it achieved except its own destruction?

A. G. Gardiner

I SHALL begin this article, sermon fashion, with a text. It consists of the opening sentences of an article from the Berlin correspondent of the *Daily News*.

"A report that the British coal dispute was settled caused a sharp slump in German industrial shares on Saturday and much relief was experienced when it proved baseless.

"Germany does not wish the coal dispute and the contingent trade depression [in Britain] to end until the reorganisation process in German industry is carried through."

And then the correspondent goes on to picture that reorganisation—the boom in the coal trade, orders pouring into the Ruhr from every country in Europe and South America, the activity in iron and steel, the increase in the individual output of the worker and so on.

Our competitors' prayer

I quote this text for two reasons. I know the writer personally as one of the ablest and most reliable foreign correspondents of the British Press. And I think it is valuable for us to see the suicide of British industry reflected back to us in the mirror of our greatest European rival.

While we are bleeding ourselves white our competitors are rubbing their hands with glee, dividing our estate among themselves, and praying that our insanity will last long enough for them to consolidate their victory.

I do not blame them. If they went mad and we remained sane we should do the same.

The picture is only useful in so far as it helps us to see what a catastrophe awaits us all if we do not swiftly recover our senses.

Already Mr. Cook's revolution has cost the country more than the Boer War, and if it continues six months it will, in all its ruinous consequences, cost us more than the Great War.

If I speak of this enormous catastrophe as Mr. Cook's revolution it is not because I am on the side either of the Government or the mine-owners.

Blundering in and blundering out

The incoherence of the Government, floundering about from pillar to post, blundering into the stupendous folly of the subsidy and then blundering out without getting what they blundered in for, refusing to impose their own Commission's recommendations on masters and men alike and then finally adopting the one course against which the Commission had warned them—all this is a revelation of incompetence and folly surely without parallel outside the politics of Bedlam.

"Lions led by asses," said Soult of the British Army long ago. And whether we are lions or not to-day, the asses still seem to lead us.

But, whatever share of the burden of this crime is allocated to the Government and the mine-owners, it is clear, even on the admission of the Trades Union Council, that its genesis and continuance are mainly attributable to Mr. Cook, and that until Mr. Cook is eliminated there is no prospect of the insane struggle ending.

It will not end because Mr. Cook's gospel is not settlement but overthrow. He has some crazy notion that if he can bring about a revolution on the Russian model everything will be miraculously transformed.

And the German miners and the French miners, whom this flatulent doctrinaire conceived "downing tools" and starving this country and every other country of coal power, are rejoicing in the great burst of prosperity that Mr. Cook has brought to them.

German and American coal is pouring into this country in millions of tons. The Dutch rivers are alive with barges of coal for British customers and the foreign ports are choked with British ships bunkering foreign coal.

An ominous outlook

Every industry in the country is perishing and workpeople in all trades are being flung on the streets by the closing down of workshops.

The trade unions are being bankrupted and hundreds of local authorities are mortgaging the ratepayers' and taxpayers' money in order to feed the women and children and so enable Mr. Cook to have his revolution.

The sensible trade union leaders know the calamitous silliness of all this. They know that the end will be the ruin of trade unionism certainly and the ruin of the country hardly less certainly. They say this in muffled accents. They foam in private. They wait anxiously for signs that the miners are awaking to the ignorant fanaticism that has befooled them.

Is it not time that trade unionism made up its mind, took the bull by the horns, and, instead of flirting with the miners in public and cursing Cook in private, declared that there is no way out except the elimination of the absurd person who is destroying this country in order to make German miners busy and German mine-owners rich with the plunder of British trade?

Vast as is the price we are having to pay for Mr. Cook's adventure, it will not be paid in vain if it teaches us all certain very obvious lessons—the lesson, for example, that the mixing up of revolutionary political aims and the preaching of catastrophe with the question of wages and conditions is a blunder that hits everybody hard and the working classes hardest.

Not in this direction do the regeneration of this country and the interests of Labour lie. If this great crisis means anything it means that new terms of co-operation must be established between Capital and Labour, terms which will substitute the methods of peace for those of war.

They are such terms as have made American industry so astonishing a phenomenon. There the idea of high wages on the one side and high production on the other have solved the problem, and brought employer and employed into co-operation for the service of the public.

Everything that cheapens production is welcomed, for all the community profits; here everything that cheapens production is viewed as an enemy, and the public interest is sacrificed.

When will the leaders of trade unionism who know all this dare to proclaim the American example as their policy in opposition to the catastrophism of Cook? When will employers learn that shining lesson of America that it is high wages and not low wages that pay?

What common-sense demands

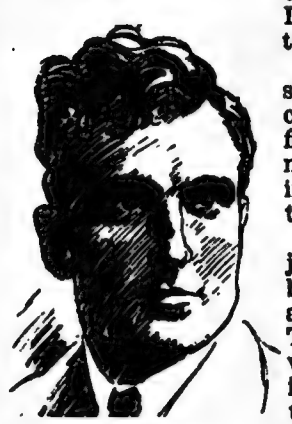
And there is another weighty lesson in this business. The rates and the taxes are being used to support the families of the strikers—that is, they are being used to help the miners to continue the struggle against the public who provide the relief. Public opinion endorses that. It will not make war on women and children.

But it is obvious that something else follows. If the public in all these cases is to support the strikers then common-sense demands that the strikers shall submit their cause to arbitration. "No arbitration, no public relief" is the clear maxim that emerges from this experience.

Satan on

Lip service in the cause of peace is not enough. Individual mental disarmament is everybody's responsibility

THERE are three forces contending to-day for the soul of Europe—national egoism, organised good will, and Bolshevism. The first is merely anarchy in a military uniform; the second, an evolving League of Nations; the third, violent revolution.



David A. Peat

Here is the silent struggle which never ceases. Under which flag shall the people march? Dare we remain indifferent and apathetic?

Five million slain might justly rise from the battlefields to point an accusing finger at us all. They could show us their wounds, the blind, unseeing eyes, shattered limbs, the tangled wire where more than the physical body was destroyed.

"We gave our lives—and more! We unchained the beasts within us and smeared our minds—to save you. What have *you* given for peace?" How many of us could answer that?

The time has come, I believe, when vigilant action is required from those who wish to secure the sincere application of the principles of the League of Nations, all that we have saved from the wreckage of war.

It is now clearly evident that unless present tendencies change we are drifting slowly but surely to another catastrophe.

Consider these items: The failure of Europe to take any adequate steps to disarm; the noisy intrigues to prevent Germany's admission to the League; the conviction in a French court of Englishmen for "spying" on our late ally's submarine and aircraft secrets; and the American Ambassador's report on war-fevered Europe.

NO great change of heart! Yet it is not a true picture of the people's mind. The common men and women were never more ready for international co-operation. Again it is the Governments that have failed. Why? Fear!

They are driven along the bad old road because of fear, fear of what State A or B or C may do. They have been caught in machinery of their own

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The Golden Snail

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

"BRITISH industry and capacity are something no temporary slump in world-buying power can permanently disable. The British themselves are the only people who can harm Britain."—Frank Plachy.

THE other day, Mr. Lloyd George made a speech. He wished to know what the masses of this country can expect to get out of life, and he answered his own question by defining what he called "the essentials of civilised life."

"Shelter, food, clothing, light, sunshine and unpoisoned air, leisure to revive exhausted vigour and to enjoy life, opportunities for self-culture and a sound education for children which will equip them for all the chances of life."

"These," he declared with emphatic certainty, "are the essentials, the minimum needs of a civilised existence. If men and women cannot attain these essentials they are as the beasts of the field."

Now, if these painfully true words are taken in conjunction with the words I have quoted at the head of this article there is only one conclusion to be drawn—that somewhere there is criminal neglect and still more criminal apathy.

For Mr. Frank Plachy, an acute American observer, says in his book, "Britain's Economic Plight": "Britain's resources are tremendous and incalculable; probably far greater than the British people have the slightest idea.

"It has the transportation, the manufacturing plant, the credit, the raw materials, the reputation, and, apparently, everything that goes to make a trading and manufacturing nation pre-eminent."

Britain's festering sore

It has also, though Mr. Plachy does not mention the fact, 3,000,000 of its citizens rotting in festering slums, half that number more idling away their lives into demoralisation and pauperism on the "dole," and many millions more who never had, and never will have, a tithe of the "minimum needs of a civilised existence" which Mr. Lloyd George so correctly stressed.

It is worth while to look a little more closely at Britain's tremendous and incalculable resources. They are staggering in their immense possibilities.

This country owns more than 60 per cent. of all the rubber and wool in the world. We control 70 per cent. of the world's supply of tea. We control 70 per cent. of the world's output of gold. We own something like 60 per cent. of the world's tin and 80 per cent. of the world's nickel.

Jute, a product that is in urgent demand in practically every country in the world, is almost entirely in the hands of this country. We own 99 per cent. of the world's supply.

Wonderful wealth wasted

We produce the best coal in the world and much of the world's oil is under our control. And we own 40 per cent. of the cotton spindles.

Imagination boggles when we come to any attempt to estimate the actual and potential resources of the Empire. They are illimitable and unassailable.

And to put the finishing touch to this imposing edifice let us remember that Britain owns 50 per cent. of the shipping at present engaged in international trade.

I do not think any impartial person reviewing these facts could suppress a gasp of wonder at the colossal wealth of the British Empire, and at our failure to make adequate use of it.

We are leading the life of an industrial snail, a golden snail, but none the less a snail.

What then is the trouble? If, as Mr. Plachy says, it is true that the British are the only people who can harm Britain, what hurt are we busy doing to ourselves?

To begin with, I think we are wilfully blind to economic facts. The British manufacturer has a market of nearly fifty million people on his own doorstep, but he makes little or no attempt to use that market to anything like capacity.

It is no use shouting, "Buy British Goods!" unless the people to whom you shout have the money wherewith to buy: and since 1920 wages in this country have been reduced by over £500,000,000 per annum.

The purchasing power of the masses has been reduced by that amount, and, in consequence, labour and factories are idle for lack of orders.

For, whereas in America wages have steadily

The Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, M.P.

gone up as prices have come down, the reverse has happened in this country, and wages have steadily fallen as prices have risen.

The industrial prosperity of Britain will enter a fresh era just as soon as we have the commonsense to increase the purchasing power of the British workers.

Economic nonsense

That can never be done so long as employers and employed base their agreements on a sliding scale of wages and prices. There is no economic sense in wages rising as food prices rise if, when food prices fall, wages automatically come down.

The only result of that system is to keep the workers pinned down to a rigid standard of living with no prospects of ever attaining a better.

But to remedy this involves removing the second great fallacy from our midst, a fallacy that is rapidly becoming dangerously rooted in our national life. We have got to return to the point of view that work is the basis of life and the foundation of all prosperity.

The insidious influence of the "dole," the spread of a kind of half-baked Socialism in the form of industrial wet-nursing by the Government have combined to sap the nation's morale and breed a distaste for work and a quite false belief that prosperity can be attained by the invocation of some outside and mysterious agency.

It may sound trite, but the first step has got to be the taking off our coats and a revival of the will to work. There is no other sovereign remedy and the Government is singularly unenlightened to foster the delusion that there is by its continual interference in industry whether its bias leans to the side of the employer or to the men.

An unalterable precept

And, lastly, there can be no hope of transforming the golden snail into a golden hare so long as the trade unions persist in behaving like a rebel body in the nation's midst.

They, no less than the employers, should set about cultivating an enlightened outlook and a co-operative spirit. They should get back to first principles and to a firm realisation that a man shall only earn his daily bread by the sweat of his brow.

I do not believe that a nation in possession of the terrific resources I have outlined can find it impossible to give to every one of its citizens those minimum and essential conditions of civilised life laid down by Mr. Lloyd George.

We shall do it just as soon as we become imbued with a fervent industrial nationalism, just as soon as we grit our teeth, roll up our sleeves and get on with the job.

Overtime

by DAVID A. PEAT

(Sec. "Arbitrate First" Bureau)

creation. ***The toils of their armaments are thick about them. They must be extricated by the peoples. They must be saved from themselves.***

THAT is the idea which runs through every effort to organise the good will of Europe more effectively than in the past.

They are not anti-Government movements of negation and defiance; they are efforts to mobilise opinion in the sharpest manner behind the pacific Government.

The "Arbitrate First" movement is a law-upholding movement. As law-abiding citizens seek to aid the authorities in upholding the law of the land, so the time has come, with the establishment of the Covenant of the League, when individual citizens should say, "Any Government that riots—goes to war—without seeking and accepting peaceful settlement, must forfeit our support and be treated as an outlaw."

The Governments in Article 12 of the Covenant have set their seals to the principle of arbitration. Is it unreasonable to suggest that we as individuals set our seals to it also? ***It may be more difficult to break*** 5,000,000 ***seals than half a dozen.***

Institutional change, as we have seen, is not enough. Individual conversion must march hand in hand with it. Mussolini is in Italy in 1926. Who knows where his imitator may be to-morrow if men and women are lightly grounded in their allegiance to the new order set up at Geneva?

It should never be forgotten that the League is no patent mechanism, proof against the folly of Governments. Its enemies are busy. We citizens must be its friends, determined that it shall not fail.

I want to create in every country a great body of men and women pledged to peace in their very souls, so that refusal of the call of loyalty to the idea of law in place of war becomes unthinkable.

WHAT would we think of the justice of a civil court where the police force was marshalled on the side of one of the litigants and not only refused to accept the judgment given but instituted an attack on the judge?

By the aid of half the publicity which was used to raise the armies in 1914, large bodies of men and women might be secured in Great Britain, the European countries and America, pledged to this new order. If the Churches alone took this step a smashing blow would be dealt at war.

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HAVE THEY SWINDLED YOU?

EIGHT STAGGERING CASES

How the Companies Make Their Millions

WE are more than satisfied with the results so far of our exposures of the iniquitous way in which the industrial assurance companies are allowed to deal with their policy-holders.

Not only are we daily recovering money for these policy-holders that, in the majority of cases, means all the difference between penury and the ability to tide over a serious economic crisis, but we are successfully interesting Members of Parliament in our work.

It is being forced on them that this business of industrial assurance is, indeed, a calamitous fraud on the poor and helpless, and a number of them are actively investigating the matter with a view to taking action in the House of Commons.

The facts stare any sincere enquirer in the face. What could be more outrageous in its unfairness, or more heartrending in its implications of hardship and suffering than the cases we give below?

A terrible alternative

Mrs. A. Solomon, of Leeds, is a widow, ninety-two years of age, and the following is a record of her transactions with two industrial assurance companies.

She commenced her transactions in 1904, and has continued to pay up to the present date, a period of twenty-two years.

She now finds it impossible to continue the payment of the premiums on policies, upon which she has already paid £136 2s., valued at £40 1s., and she has to continue a payment of 3s. 9d. per week for the remaining days of her life or lose every penny of the premiums paid.

Even should she continue one of the transactions at a premium of 2s. per week—a policy upon which she has already paid £62 8s.—the amount assured of £18 will not even then be payable in full!

Ex-soldiers ramped

In the month of June, 1911, Mr. Clewlow, of Stafford, took out a policy for £25 on the life of his mother at a premium of 1s. 9½d. per month, and he continued the payments until he joined His Majesty's Forces in 1915, when he was sent abroad and was killed in action.

In the same period the husband of Mrs. Clewlow was serving in His Majesty's Forces in France, and the payments of the premiums were neglected.

On November 8, 1916, Mrs. Clewlow died, but when the husband made application for the amount due under the policy he was informed that the policy had been lapsed, although the agent and the company knew quite well that this particular policy was covered by the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, and it could not be lapsed.

A short time ago Mr. Clewlow wrote to us, and last week, we are glad to say, the sum of £25 was paid, less some arrears of premiums which were due on the date of death.

We have no hesitation in asserting that there are tens of thousands of these cases up and down the country upon which claims could successfully be made by ex-soldiers and their families.

A callous company

The other day we were visited by Alfred Beever, who had just come out of the Camden Town Casual Ward. He is a cripple, and his appearance showed very clearly that he was in

Mr. Bertram Fox, who, through the Hull and District Policy Holders' Protection Association, of which he is chairman, has been instrumental in recovering many thousands of pounds from the insurance companies.

abject poverty and misery. He had paid a premium of 2s. 6d. per week to a great industrial assurance company for many years, totalling altogether over £40.

Before calling upon us he had been to the office of this company, and had pleaded with it to give him back a few pounds of his hard-earned money in order that he could purchase a few articles for sale in the street, so that he might earn a livelihood in that way; but it refused to give him a single penny.

Elizabeth Bailey, of Dudley, assured her life in 1917 at a premium of 1s. per week, the amount assured being £10 4s., and she continued payments until July, 1924, by which date she had paid £18 3s.

Our determined resolve

This poor old lady is now eighty-two years of age, and having paid nearly twice the amount assured, she applied to the company for a free policy for at least some part of the amount, but it positively refused to give her a single penny. We shall see that it changes its mind.

In the year 1911, Mrs. Sapsworth, of Gray's Inn Road, London, took out four policies with a great industrial assurance company, and in 1916 took out three more policies with the same company at a total premium of 5s. 11d. per week, and paid on these policies until 1921, a total payment of £78.

She could no longer continue the payment of the premiums, and the company refuses to give a single copper in return and pocketed every penny of the premiums paid. It won't keep it!

Mary Downey, of Westoe, South Shields, writes us as follows: "I was insured, likewise my husband, when I was forty-six years old. I am now sixty-seven years old in October, and through a severe illness, I had to stop paying in 1921 . . . I am left utterly destitute . . . and if you could help me in any way I shall be very grateful indeed to you."

Aged woman's sad plight

On looking through the documents forwarded to us, we find that this poor woman has paid £29 16s. on her own life, and the company refuses to give her a single penny. We rather think we can persuade it to reconsider its decision.

In the year 1902, Frances Shackleton, of Bingley, insured her life on three policies, the premiums amounting in all to 6s. per week, and the amount assured being £68.

Premiums were paid on the policies for sixteen years amounting in all to £203, when she could no longer continue the payment of the premiums, and the policies lapsed.

Application has been made to the company concerned for some return for this large sum of money paid, but it refuses to give any return whatever to this poor old woman of eighty-six years of age.

Finally, there is the case of Mrs. Jane Baber, of Saffron Walden. For eleven years she paid 7d. a week on one policy and for eight years 2d. a week on another. The sum assured was £8 7s., the amount paid in premiums being £20 9s. 4d.

The old lady, aged eighty-three, is now lying dead in her house at Saffron Walden, and not one penny has been received by her relatives.

How the millions are made

Nor is this all the story. In addition to the premiums paid on the foregoing policies, there was one taken out in 1885 (forty years); a second in 1905 (twenty years); a third in 1913 (twelve years); another in 1914 (eleven years); an additional policy in 1916 (nine years) and four other policies which were taken out in 1918 had premiums paid on them for seven years. The total premiums paid were £54 10s. and not one penny has been received in return.

Thus do industrial assurance companies make their millions.

Mr. Baldwin says there is nothing to justify a fresh enquiry into their methods of working!

It is the biggest swindle in history, and the House of Commons has a duty to the nation in this matter which it cannot ignore much longer.

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THE GREAT SKIN GAME

"ON ACCOUNT OF COSTS"!

Robbery within the Law

YEAR after year thousands of poor people are being virtually deprived of justice because of the iniquitous system of costs which we endure with a patience altogether marvellous.

To-day there is only one sound piece of advice to give the intending litigant, and that is: "Don't!"

It is not going too far to say that every year thousands of persons with just grievances which are remediable by the courts of this country go without their remedy because they fear the ruin which lies in wait for them, win or lose.

High costs, then, slam the door of justice in the face of the majority of poor people and the courts become the preserve of the opulent. This is a scandalous state of affairs and one which urgently calls for a complete overhauling of our legal machine.

A common trick

The trouble is twofold. First, the whole procedure is antiquated and ill-adapted to modern life; secondly, it lends itself to every subterfuge of the unscrupulous lawyer out for costs rather than the true interests of his unfortunate client.

The dodges of the unscrupulous solicitor bent on piling up costs are many and varied. Take, as an example, the common trick of initiating proceedings in the High Court which could be dealt with by the County Court at a tithe of the expense.

Every week during the Law Term pettifogging actions are heard in the High Court which ought never to have gone there. Already High Court judges, disgusted at this chicanery, are referring actions back to their proper tribunal, the County Courts.

In one such recent case Judge Crawford made some pungent observations. An action involving £25 came before him after being started in the High Court.

Where the blame lies

Judge Crawford's words merit quotation: "I hope the Legislature will put a stop to this grave public scandal," he said. "It is positively monstrous, and only Parliament could put a stop to it.

"A person might have a very good answer to the case brought against him, but he knew that if he defended it in the High Court costs would be ruinous. I know, and every member of the profession knows, why these things are done. London solicitors are to blame."

Here, then, is a learned and widely experienced judge indicating where the trouble lies. *The solicitors are to blame.*

Some simple people say, "Oh, I am quite safe, the solicitors' charges are regulated by the Solicitors' Remuneration Act." So they are, but that does not preclude the unscrupulous solicitor from piling them up within the law, and getting away with it.

"Oh, but there is the taxing-master!" cries the lay lawyer. And that is true. Yet a clever solicitor can pile up his costs with sufficient wiliness to circumvent even the taxing-master, who is armed with authority to dock his bill when he over-reaches himself.

Scandalous delay

Take a case that came before Mr. Justice Rowlatt in the King's Bench Division on March 5 this year. It was a revenue appeal which had started in 1921. It had been argued

Lord Justice Scrutton, who has expressed his views on this scandal with no uncertain voice

before the Commissioners in 1922—it was settled in 1926!

"What a scandal!" said the judge, "it's really shocking."

It certainly is shocking. For what private litigant or firm can bear the costs of fighting the Inland Revenue?

Now consider these facts and consider how they operate against the poor man. Suppose a poor man has a just action against a rich corporation. He consults a solicitor, who blandly explains that law costs money, and requests a little cash "on account of costs."

A foolish delusion

The poor man may decide to pay the cash and go ahead. He is, perhaps, strong in the sense of the justice of his case. He deludes himself with the thought that he will win and the judge will allow his costs as a successful litigant.

From the start the law will grind him. His solicitor will, in all probability, brief a barrister with little ability and less experience; his opponents will be represented by an array of silk-gowned K.C.s.

Everybody knows, or should know, that we possess the finest, fairest, wisest and most humane judiciary in the world. So let us suppose that despite the handicap, the poor litigant gets his verdict.

What next? There is an appeal!

The device of appealing in order to wear down a poor litigant is one used by some big concerns and rich individuals in a manner which in practice is nothing but the denial of justice.

Said Lord Justice Scrutton, "Something should be done to repress this terrible and scandalous prolixity in English procedure which must result *in a denial of justice to any poor litigant.*"

Business men fed up

It sometimes happens that solicitors, realising that there is no more money to be squeezed out of their clients, virtually abandon them.

Thus left in the lurch, the poor litigant may well decide that there is no justice to be had and retire from the grossly unequal contest.

Nowhere does one find hotter criticism of our slow and costly procedure than from business men.

Already one result is showing itself: business men are preferring arbitration to litigation, *and they prefer that arbitration to be before laymen rather than lawyers.*

The lawyers have overreached themselves; it may well be that ten years hence they will be pleased to take clients on more reasonable terms.

When big man fights big man one sees the scandal of high costs at its most amazing point.

Take but two cases in point—Isherwood *v.* Craggs, and the world-famous Globe and Phœnix case. The first piled up costs to £150,000; the second soared up to over £200,000!

Unequal odds

Costs even act as an impediment to the poor person in the criminal courts, where, if anywhere, all should stand equal before the law.

A poor prisoner appears before a stipendiary magistrate. Magistrates are humane and kindly men. But how can an ignorant man present his case against the highly skilled solicitor representing the police?

He is committed for trial and at the Old Bailey or assizes stands in the dock to be defended by any barrister who will take his case, perhaps for a few humble guineas.

In a serious case he may find against him one of the most highly-skilled of Treasury counsel. Thus, again, gold tilts the scales of justice.

What is the remedy? Perhaps it lies in the complete reform of our legal procedure. Perhaps it will come through Courts of Conciliation.

It is to the lawyer's advantage to fan the flames of conflict; it is not to his advantage to act the role of peacemaker between parties. Therein lies the weakness of the whole system.

The time has come when our legislators should turn their attention to this grave and abominable scandal.

The Great Tichborne Case

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MY 'BUS ADVENTURE

TO cast one's bread upon the waters is always risky, for it may never return; but it not infrequently does, and when it does it always brings sunshine with it.

"THE world is made up of rogues and knaves," said a well-known playwright to me the other day. His voice shook with indignation and his eyes blazed with anger.

As they say in legal circles, there was justification for his outburst. He had been badly let down by a man whom he had befriended, and he was smarting under the sting of bitter disappointment.

Alas, there is nothing uncommon in such an experience. Everybody who tries to lend a helping hand runs a similar risk. The danger is that when it happens we are inclined to regard everybody as "rogues and knaves," and we become hard and cynical.

To-day, I want to leave my hospital in the background whilst I recount an experience which happened to me recently in the streets of London.

A week or two ago I was travelling by a No. 18 'bus from Euston to London Bridge. Sitting opposite to me was a woman well past middle life, but, obviously, from her shabby appearance, not blessed with too much of this world's goods.

A painful discovery

Yet she was by no means unattractive. As I looked at her open face, mentally I said to myself, "As honest as the day." There was a kindly light in her eyes and though her cheeks were wrinkled she had not altogether lost the good looks of earlier days.

We had gone some little distance when I noticed that she was in distress. The conductor had called for the fare, and this woman began what turned out to be a fruitless search for her money. Apologetically, she announced that she must have left her purse behind, and she asked him what she had better do about it.

Whilst the conductor was thinking over the problem I ventured the remark, "Perhaps you will allow me to pay your fare." As though utterly confused she hesitated for a minute, and then gratefully accepted.

But the matter did not end there. My intervention led to her confiding in me. She told me that she was on her way to see her married daughter who lived in Surrey and who was ill.

One honest soul

Owing to the restricted train service due to the coal strike, there was not another train until the afternoon if she missed the one she had set out to catch. "And I must be back to-night," she went on. "I shall lose one day's pay as it is."

I know not who her employer was, and I suppose it is necessary to have such regulations, but it seems pretty hard that a woman cannot visit her sick daughter without having to forfeit a day's wages.

Then my companion said quietly, "Do you think if I told the station-master at London Bridge he would let me have a ticket and allow me to pay to-morrow?" I answered her question by persuading her to take sufficient money to cover the cost of her return journey. She was very reluctant about it all, and she only consented by my agreeing to give her an address to which it could be returned. In order to satisfy her I said casually, "Oh, I'm the superintendent of the Charing Cross Hospital. That address will find me."

A fortnight passed, and I heard not a word from my 'bus companion. It seemed as if my judgment had been at fault and that the "honest face" was to that woman a splendid stock-in-trade.

Philip Inman

But a few days ago a registered letter came to me. In it was a treasury note for £1, and there was a note which said: "Please forgive me for not writing before, but I had some bad luck after I met you.

"When I got to my work the next day they said they didn't want me no more, and for three days I had to trudge about trying to find work. Now I've got a job as cleaner at ———, and I've managed to scrape together the £1 I am sending. Please take what I owe you out of it and give the rest to the hospital."

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I would say just one word to that disappointed playwright. The world is not full of rogues and knaves. There is at least one woman in it who is "as honest as the day."

The Sentence of the Court

WINSTON'S WATERLOO

Too Callow for Caillaux

WEARING something *tres frappant* in the way of a *chapeau*, Monsieur Winston Churchill shrugged his shoulders, indulged in a Gallic gesture signifying *n'importe*, and pleaded "*Non coupable*" when charged with defrauding British taxpayers of £431,000,000.

"Despite his exotic taste in headgear, his command of boarding-school French and his seeming indifference to British interests, the accused," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "is a British subject, and, I regret to add, a British Cabinet Minister.

"It is in the latter capacity that he has defrauded this country of the sum mentioned, which sum represents the difference between what France owes us and what, with his enthusiastic approval, she intends paying us.

"British taxpayers have become so accustomed to paying what they owe and allowing other countries to owe what they don't feel inclined to pay, that this latest so-called debt settlement has passed almost without comment; but this lack of interest upon the part of the public certainly does not excuse such a devastating sacrifice of principle upon the part of a public man.

"Under the agreement arrived at with M. 'Caillowe,' about three-fifths of the French debt is cancelled. On behalf of British taxpayers, I should like to know when Mr. Churchill received authority to indulge in such an extravagant display of generosity at their expense?"

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that it was absurd to talk as if France were an ordinary debtor. The payment of taxes was offensive to the Gallic temperament, and we simply had to make allowances for these foreign idiosyncrasies. Mr. Churchill had made the best of a bad job by accepting a promise to pay something in place of a refusal to pay anything.

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"Since, as regards our foreign debtors, we have long ceased to cherish great expectations, we are not as disconcerted as we might be by small realisations," said Mr. Justice Biff. "At the same time we have grown weary of the failure of successive Chancellors of the Exchequer to stand up for British interests when it comes to a foreign debt settlement.

"The eagerness of Mr. Churchill to take off one of his comic hats to France is only equalled by the persistence with which he holds out another of these humorous headpieces and insists that the British taxpayer shall deposit alms in it.

"During the war we gave 'credit' where credit was due, but now, when there is little or no unemployment in France and a great deal in this country, it is at the expense of the taxpaying Briton that the non-taxpaying Frenchman is able to walk along the Bois de Boulogne with an independent air.

"To forgive the prisoner his trespasses as cheerfully as he forgives those who trespass upon our good nature would be to carry leniency to the verge of idiocy, so I must direct that the debt of £5,000 a year owing to him by British taxpayers be reduced by three-fifths."

Cartoonettes and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND

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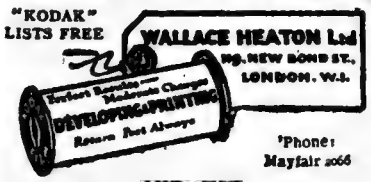

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"I'LL FETCH A POLICEMAN!"

by MABEL HORNER

THE other day, in a tube train, I found myself located opposite a young workman and his wife. In the woman's arms was a child. It was an engaging little thing, not yet two years old, and ready to make friends with anyone.

All at once its manner changed. It began to scream. Plainly it was genuinely terrified. I verily believe it might have screamed itself into a fit had not the object of its alarm—a large, benevolent-looking policeman who was straphanging near—realised the situation and, with a smile, removed himself.

No words were needed to interpret the tragedy of this little scene. Doubtless at home, when it indulged in infant tantrums, its mother was in the habit of saying "Be quiet, or I'll fetch a policeman to you!"

It is always wrong to threaten children with dim and unknown terrors; but to put them from infancy into an attitude of antagonism to the law is positively criminal. For the law to-day is the child's best friend. If anyone doubts it he has only to read the book just published on "Children's Courts," written by one of London's wisest and kindest magistrates, to be convinced.

A great step forward

Time was, and not so long ago, when children were shamefully maltreated by the law. They went to prison in droves; they were hanged for offences almost too trivial to be noticed. And it was not until 1847 that it began to dawn upon enlightened minds that instead of curing childish naughtiness we were creating criminals in good earnest.

The Juvenile Offenders' Act of 1847 was the forerunner of all the legislation we have in that direction since. The setting up of separate courts for children, introduced first in Massachusetts and speedily followed throughout the world, marked another great step forward.

So, too, did the probationary system, which, wherever put into operation, helps to set a young offender on his feet again and prevents him from being marked as a jail-bird.

The practice of trying to find out *why* a child has done wrong, instead of confining the law to the provision of *punishment*, is daily gaining ground. As an instance, the iniquity of punishing a child who "sneaks" food because it is hungry hardly needs emphasis.

Kindly magistrates, who in a children's court stand the little ones by their side as a father would talk to his child, understand this.

A call to child-lovers

They know a child must be taught to respect the property of others even when property takes the form of food; but they know, with painful clarity, that the wickedness is ours, who in a world full of food ever allow one child to go hungry. Therefore they wish to see the probationary system used more than it is in this country.

In one single juvenile court in America nearly as many children are placed on probation in a year as in all the juvenile courts in England and Wales put together. The secret is that America has plenty of probation officers. We have not.

This shortage is a call to child-lovers. In every crowded town and city, where conditions are difficult for the kiddies, there are suitable men and women with a little time, and perhaps a lot of love for the children. If each undertook the oversight and help of one or two juvenile "offenders" a great improvement in the child population of our slums might soon be wrought.

Many magistrates wish to see a simplification of the law dealing with children who have done wrong. There is at present too much red tape, and the obligation to use formal and legal language where a "fatherly talk" in homely words would much better meet the case.

Mr. William Clarke Hall, Magistrate, Old Street Police Court, and Author of "Children's Courts"

In certain cases the law should give power for a child to be removed from its parents and made into a ward of the State. It is a terrible blot on our civilisation that an evil father can serve a sentence for wronging a little child and be left to find the child still in his power when he comes out.

A real friend

Girls ought not to be left to be brought up in immoral surroundings. There's no place like home for a child, however poor, if parents are worthy the name. But if they are thoroughly bad and undesirable people then communication with the children they are wronging should be cut off.

The law is not the children's enemy; it is a real friend. But it needs the constant help and sympathy of every child-lover to encourage magistrates of children's courts in their difficult work, and make it properly effective.

An Awful Indictment

by MARJORY WILLIAMS

SINCE women have had a voice in public affairs it has become evident that their imagination is not strong enough to enable them to see behind the mask of politics.

For when a number of prominent people get together to discuss parents and healthy children, the failure of what the law has done for women is apparent. Not only that, but the tragic and disquieting failure of women to make the law do anything for them becomes painfully clear.

Dr. T. Watts Eden, consulting physician to the Charing Cross Hospital, who spoke recently at the Child Welfare Conference at Caxton Hall, Westminster, deplored the fact that untrained midwives are still allowed to pursue their occupations.

Such "handy women," unaware even of the crying need for cleanliness in their work, are capable of infecting both the mother and the newborn infant with disease.

YET the law does nothing to prevent them from handling case after case of confinement, and women do nothing to make the law prevent them.

It is amazing to think that women who now have ample power to alter such conditions should blind their eyes to the facts and still allow them to be.

The fact is that the bulk of women take very little real interest in politics. How many women even know the name of the M.P. for their division except at election times? How many, even if they use the vote to which they are entitled, do so solely because they know they are going to get some concession.

WOMEN can get just what they want if they make enough fuss about it, but their imagination seldom takes them so far as treating politicians like men and bothering them till such and such a thing is done.

Yet women have succeeded in this way on occasion. There is more then one prominent politician to-day who still shudders at the words "militant suffragettes."

It isn't only the women who stay at home, and candidly admit they take no interest in the government of the country, who are not doing their share to make our democracy what it should be.

Only the other day a body of presumably intelligent women at the "Woman's Advertising Club" chose "International Psychology" as a subject for an after-dinner address.

Some very ordinary remarks were passed on the attitude towards marriage in France, while American women were blamed for spending their time changing their clothes and playing bridge.

Doubtless the speakers went home congratulating themselves on a well-spent evening. But, meanwhile, for lack of proper attention at a vital moment in their lives, women were suffering, even dying.

Moreover, it took a man to point this out. Surely this should make us blush for very shame at our own neglect.

Let us wait to discuss psychology till we have righted the wrongs from which we suffer. Let us win the spurs of our citizenship by intelligent action before we indulge in complacent criticism of others.

Much can be done by speaking, and more by the refusal of individual women to employ any but trained midwives. But for the inability of women to decide what most wants doing now that they have their share in governing, there would be fewer cases of infant mortality among us.

DR. WATTS EDEN was more merciful than he knew when he forebore to frame the most awful indictment of our sex that can be uttered: "But for your neglect this child who is now dead would be alive."

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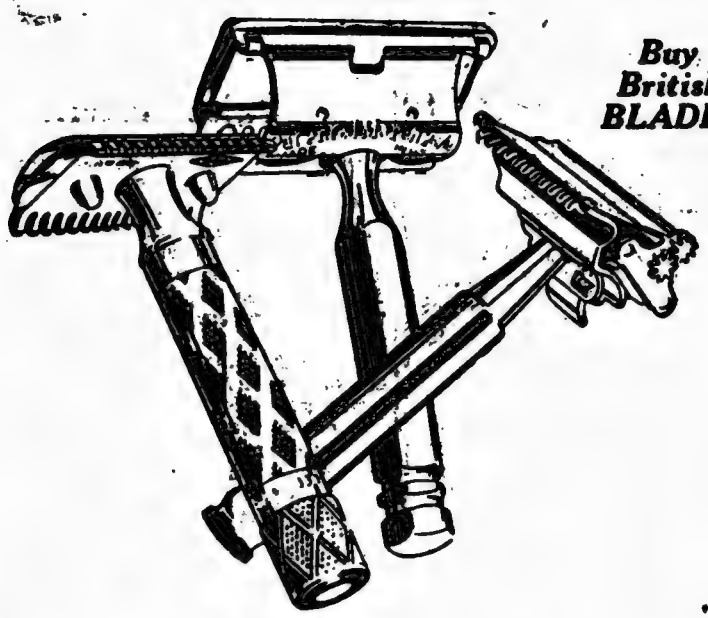

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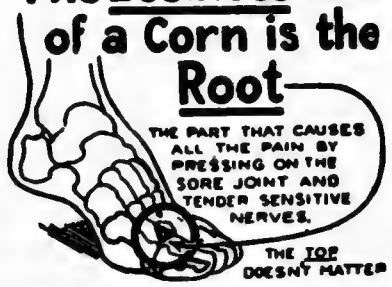

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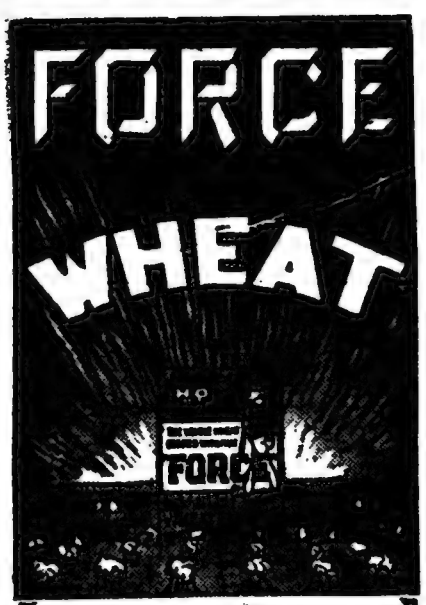

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"It was difficult to restrain her, for all our protestations were met with arguments about girls doing the work of men and earning their emancipation from the restrictions to which they had hitherto been subjected.

"Day by day her father and I watched with growing concern her increasing disregard for convention and, though we prayed hard that she might be protected from her own folly, at last the blow we had so long dreaded was struck.

"I cannot go into details; even after the lapse of years my heart is sore with the recollection that, though we would gladly have saved her as far as we could from the consequences of her sin and shame, she gave us no opportunity of doing so.

"We received a pitiable note of farewell and later we learned that she had put an end to the life that had been blighted in the bud of its youthful promise.

"You will understand now how I feel at finding her sister, who was quite a child when this tragedy darkened our lives, showing the same headstrong determination to throw off all the shackles of convention.

"No one knows better than I do that the girl is pure in heart as in body, but to me it seems terrible that sweet seventeen should demand a latchkey, and think nothing of driving about in motor-cars at night with men whose acquaintance she has made in public dance-halls and of whose character she knows nothing."

"HUMANIST" says:— *The freedom claimed by the modern girl is a mixed blessing, but it is impossible to put back the clock and return to Victorian conventions. Happily, manners are not always an indication of morals, and though your daughter demands a degree of liberty which shocks your old-fashioned mind, if you have done your duty in explaining the secrets of life and inculcated a proper reverence for the sanctity of her body, you should be able to trust her not to make shipwreck at the outset of life's voyage.*

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"A LITTLE more than a year ago, I was sentenced to six months' hard labour for obtaining money by fraud. Before my conviction I had several young men friends who knew nothing of the way I obtained the money I spent so freely, and we all had 'a jolly good time together' on the proceeds of my theft.

Worthless Friendship

"There was one fellow in particular who was my boon companion, and I took especial pleasure in lavishing entertainment upon him.

"Then came my downfall. During the weary months I spent in prison I was sustained in my determination to wipe out the blot on my character by the thought that my friends would help me and that I should have especially the sympathy of my bosom pal.

"To my distress I came out to a world that seemed changed in ways of friendship. My former friends, after a perfunctory greeting when first I met them, made it only too clear that they no longer desired my friendship.

"When I see my bosom pal turn his head aside, I feel I want to rush up to him and beg him to give me another chance to prove my worthiness.

"Do you advise me to approach them or must I always remain in my native town only remembered as a fellow who proved unworthy of friendship and went to prison for it?"

"HUMANIST" says: *The attitude of your erstwhile companions is the best evidence that their friendship was worthless and you have lost nothing in being deprived of their companionship. There is no reason why you should remain all your life in your home town and carry a burden of shame for ever. Ask the police-court missionary to help you to find employment elsewhere where you can build up a fresh character on the wreck of your old reputation.*

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"A FRIEND of mine is now twenty-five years of age and, while still in her 'teens, became an unmarried mother. She was fortunate in one respect for, unlike so many others in a similar situation, she was not cast out from the family circle.

Belated Atonement

"When her parents discovered her condition they made enquiries regarding the man responsible, thinking that they would induce him to marry her, but they discovered that he was an out-and-out blackguard.

"In the circumstances they did not press him to marry their daughter, but, when her baby was born, they brought it up as their own.

"The girl was beginning to forget her sorrow after all these years when it has been revived in a painful form. She has received a letter from the father of her child, who is abroad, saying that he is in a good position and is anxious to make amends for the wrong which he did her if she will go out to him with her child and marry him.

"She cannot make up her mind whether to accept or refuse the offer, to ignore the letter altogether or whether to take her parents into her confidence and let them decide.

"She dislikes the latter course as she feels that a revival of the subject will only distress them."

"HUMANIST" says: *Your friend cannot do better than confide in the parents who have shown her such loving sympathy in her trouble. If she does not wish to do so, I can only suggest that she should anticipate their decision by refusing the belated atonement offered by a man for whom she must have lost all affection and respect.*

Friends in Need.

"HUMANIST" is often sorrowful himself when he finds that no words of his can relieve the distress of correspondents, and he has not the means to lift the burdens from their aching shoulders. The sovereign remedy for some of life's troubles is gold. If you will prove yourself a real friend in need send a subscription to "The Greatest of These—" Fund. (See p. 34.)

"I AM a single girl, twenty-three years of age. Ever since I can remember I have seen nothing but poverty through drink. My mother spent every penny she could get in public-houses and had at last to be placed in an institution.

A Girl's Burden

"My father died while my mother was away and I was left with two little brothers to care for. In the hope that a change of surroundings might help her, I moved to another place.

"I am not strong enough in health to go into domestic service, but a friend advanced sufficient money for me to start a small business.

"The worry of looking after the business and the care of two little boys would be burden enough for any young girl in poor health, but now my load of trouble has been increased by my mother resuming her drinking habits.

"I have pleaded with her for the sake of the boys as well as her own sake to give up drinking, but nothing seems to have any effect upon her, and unless something is done soon, I am afraid my little business will be ruined and I shall be driven into an early grave.

"I love my mother in spite of her weakness, but I have the boys' future to consider, and with all this worry I do not seem to be able to think clearly."

"HUMANIST" says: *Your burden seems indeed terrible for one so young. The best service you can render to your mother and your little brothers is to consult the relieving officer with the view of having her sent back to the institution.*

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Mercenary Adoption

"Having no children of our own, my husband and I wish to adopt a child if we can receive a sum of money for same, so would be grateful for any advice."

"Humanist" says: *I entirely disapprove of the adoption of children by people who apparently regard money as more important consideration than the welfare of the child. I will willingly help any one who would like a child to brighten a lonely life, but I will never assist mercenary foster-mothers.*

A Tragic Secret

"A married man confided to me that he had been unfaithful to his wife, pledging me to secrecy. He has since died by his own hand and his widow has asked me whether I know of anything that might have preyed on his mind. Should I break my word and tell her?"

"Humanist" says: *It is entirely a matter for your own conscience. Ask yourself whether it will do any good to disclose the secret which it seems to me might well remain buried with the dead man.*

Blue Terror

"My husband has been very ill and is still in a critical condition. We have only one small debt owing, and yesterday I was terrified at the receipt of a blue paper headed 'Notice before Proceedings in the County Court.' Surely the court will not be so cruel as to do anything to me while I am in such distress?"

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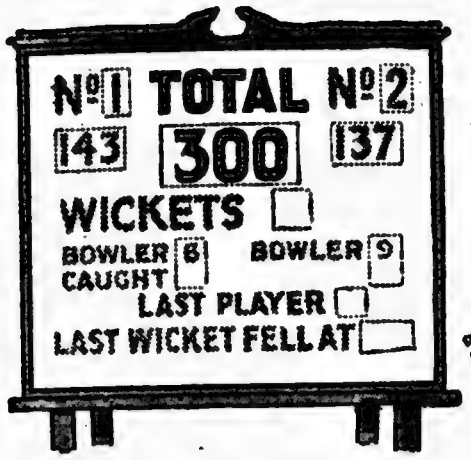

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Edited by Mr. J. BROMLEY, a member of the General Council of the T.U.C.

"IN our opinion the miners' leaders have not 'played the game' with their fellow trade unionists.

"They were asked at the very commencement not to allow their members to work outcrop coal should a strike take place; but not only did miners do this, but we have evidence that miners on strike also took positions of railwaymen and others who came out on strike in their support.

"Frequently, when it was suggested that a basis for settlement had been arrived at, their leaders pooh-poohed the idea of settling a strike in two or three weeks, saying that miners strike usually for 13 weeks. Let our readers imagine the psychology of miners with their mines blackleg-proof, with safety workers keeping them ready for a resumption of duty and willing to starve for 13 weeks, and compare it with the position of many other workers whose jobs were filled by blacklegs and volunteers immediately they stopped, and let our readers ask themselves whether the miners' leaders had the same thought for trade unionists who assisted them as they showed towards the miners.

"AGAIN, many unions spent all their funds and then borrowed money, and we believe it is true to say that the great miners' political funds are still intact.

"We would like to ask if it is true that the money sent to the mining areas for support of women and children of strikers has been earmarked to members of the Miners' Federation or non-unionists and refused to members of other unions employed at the mine?

"What a tragedy it all is!

"While one of two of the miners' leaders talk glibly of a fight to a finish, very many others realise the absurdity and the wrong of such an idea. . . . Even Mr. Cook is reported to have said, speaking at Wardley, County Durham, 'that their leaders would see that the pits were re-opened on the conditions prevailing in April, and that afterwards they were prepared to hammer out an agreement, but that they must have something more than an agreement over which they would have to fight every 12 months.'

"Was not that what the General Council had obtained for the miners on May 11, and before this victimisation of thousands of men who rushed to the miners' assistance, before the impoverishment of hundreds who helped the miners, and before these weeks of starvation for hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children?

"What leadership! What a tragedy!! What a lesson!!!"

Our Letter Parliament

A Beam of Vitality

The Poor Consumer—American Rum-runners—Repulsive Justice

THE founding of the Industrial Institute with a view of pooling the brains of industry, science and commerce is a germ which we hope to see propagated. Science, industry and commerce are, and should be, co-related interests, and would have been long ago but for blind and narrow-minded partisans. With such men as Mr. A. Pugh, Mr. C. T. Cramp and Mr. P. Snowden associated with Mr. P. Best, Sir R. Horne and Sir Max Muspratt, we may expect big things. To overcome our modern industrial problems is a big task, but big men are in it and the people say, "God speed."—*Witness, Bargeddie.*

A Mutual Benefit

I believe all industries would flourish if the following methods were employed: (1) All work to be done at piecework rates. This would mean a higher weekly wage, production would be increased, thus reducing cost. Cheaper articles would create a larger demand. (2) A percentage of profits to be allocated to the workpeople. (3) Prizes to be given for the best suggestions for increasing output, economic working, improvements in machinery, etc. (4) Councils of employers and workpeople to meet frequently to discuss matters appertaining to the welfare of the business.—*Aitch, Bridport.*

A Practical Project

The Industrial Institute is one of the most practical and sensible projects ever ventured upon to bring back to England her former prosperity and prestige. It is when—and only when—the worker and the capitalist lay aside all contention, and live as God intended they should live, that this country will be "fit for heroes to live in." Progress will commence when both sides co-operate to get the most out of industry.—*T. H. J., Rochdale.*

Wasted Wealth

To anyone with vision it is apparent that the vast resources of Britain can afford a decent living to all. We see undeveloped land, unscientifically cultivated land, moorlands which could be planted with trees, canals needing widening and reconstructing, houses wanted everywhere, and better organised industries. All these things are sources of new wealth. —*John W. Johnson, Oldham.*

Party First

The present industrial upheaval is the result of years of party government. Faced with a crisis the Government, whichever party be in power, instead of forgetting "party" and thinking only of this good old country, dilly-dally and wonder "Will our action enhance the prestige of the party?" They should use the formula, "Is our action to the benefit of the nation?"—*F. C. B., Leicester.*

Idle Words

The absence of work for so many is a striking indictment of our industrial system, but it will not improve while M.P.'s behave like spoilt children and indulge in personalities across the House of Commons. Instead of combining to solve our economic problems, they spend their time assuring the working-man of their interest in his welfare.—*W. L., Liverpool.*

The Briton's Right

Every Briton's right to work is certainly incontestable. But what is lacking at the present time for many thousands of Britons is the opportunity to exercise that right. The prime duty of the Government to-day is to foster trade with other nations so that every Briton is given a chance to operate the right to his own and his country's benefit.—*D. A. T., Aberbeeg.*

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Vicious or Virtuous

Sir Alfred Mond's proposal of coal-selling agencies has much to commend it, but when he says that one of its principal objects would be to control output, one smells "the nigger in the coal-pile." The worker has been condemned for restricting his output for his own ends. The effect in both cases is the same—to make the consumer pay a higher price than necessary in order to enrich a class. The employers must learn that a practice which is vicious in the worker does not become virtuous when used on a larger scale by the employer.—*D. S. D., New Cross.*

The Real Culprits

In his report, published in the "World Almanac" for 1926, the United States Prohibition Commissioner states that out of 792 vessels engaged in the rum-running trade 753 were American and only twenty-eight were British. This important fact has not been sufficiently stressed by our press, and, consequently, many people believe British interests are foremost in undermining the prohibition laws, when in reality Americans themselves are the main offenders.—*J. R., Glasgow.*

Babes and Animals

Mr. E. Roffe Thompson strikes hard at the foundation of the present industrial unrest, that babes and children are held so cheaply and left to survive if possible in vile slums without even the bare necessities of life secured, and animals are reared by the best possible means that reason and wealth can provide. What an example to place before the world from the home of culture and progress!—*E. B., Hammersmith.*

The Japanese Way

Our manufacturers grumble about bad trade conditions, but is it not frequently due to their own lack of enterprise? Contrast, for instance, the Japanese method. In a printed letter enclosed in a roll of silk from Japan, seen recently, were included these words: "We would welcome and appreciate any advice tending to improve the general standard of quality of this silk." The inference is obvious.—*A. M. A., Catford.*

Printers' Pie

(Half-a-crown is paid to the sender of every item published. Mark envelopes "Pie.")

"DAILY GRAPHIC":—"Lady ——, who looked old enough to be her SON, was also there."

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Buy British Goods

Paris shops teem with British customers spending heaps of English money without thought, apparently, of the added unemployment such unpatriotism causes in Britain. I have visited Paris stores endeavouring to sell English goods without receiving one order in a fortnight. Often I have been roughly shown the door, heard scathing anti-British criticisms and told English goods were not wanted, although English customers were present.—*G. L. R., Worcester.*

An A1 Effort

Mr. A. G. Gardiner's splendid article, "Cheating Father Time," shows very clearly that if half the energy and money and time was spent on the lines indicated that is now spent in preparing for war, we should have a better nation than we have. Surplus benefits alone in approved societies are already showing the value of money spent in right channels for health benefits.—*J. H., Lancashire.*

A Terrible Risk

After reading your article, "Innocent Man to Hang?" I feel bound to state the opinion of a number of friends and myself on this grave matter. We feel sure that JOHN BULL has stated the unspoken opinion of the majority of the British public. The unfortunate man, Johannes Mommers, should be given the benefit of the doubt, for in this case there is a grave doubt. By doing this we shall preserve the right to call ourselves a race of justice-loving people.—*T. W., Hull.*

Don't Die Intestate

Why do so many people neglect to make a will? I have seen so much unnecessary trouble caused by the lack of a will that I would urge upon every person who has anything to leave to make one at the earliest possible time. By so doing they will not die a moment sooner, but if that calamity should happen the path will have been made smoother for those who are left.—*J. A. B., Rastrick.*

Degrading Justice

In her article "Should a Woman Hang?" Ruth E. Marwick brings to light a great and humane question. In our daily life we often refer to women as equals with men, but when we come to think of a woman sentenced and sent to eternity by human agency of so-called justice, the minds of civilised men and women cannot help but feel a certain amount of repulsiveness. There seems something wrong in our justice that permits this most degrading spectacle.—*H. A. Rold, Notts.*

Cheering the Lighthouse-Keeper

A special appeal is being made in America for cast-off or unwanted radio appliances of any kind. These are asked for on behalf of the commission of lighthouses for distribution to lighthouse-keepers. May I suggest that a similar appeal be made on behalf of the lighthouse-keepers of the British Isles, for sometimes it is days or weeks before a boat can get near to them?—*A. N., Birmingham.*

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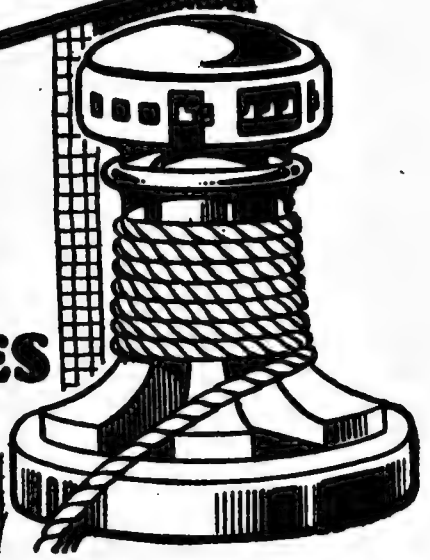

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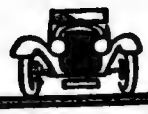

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Goodwood is Good to Punters—My Finals for the Stewards' Cup—Dobson Peacock—"You Pay Tax"—Making Horses Really Race

I ALWAYS feel much happier going down to Goodwood than I do to Ascot. One is Royal, but the good things slip up. Most big backers arrive there with that heavy, oppressive feeling overhanging them. They return lighter—but the lightness is in the pocket.

Eighteen First or Second Favourites

The other fashionable race-meeting of the year is Glorious, and is well-named, as backers more often than not return with their fair share of the spoils. At Goodwood, last year, eighteen first or second favourites obliged in twenty-six races. In 1924 seventeen duly materialised. If this high percentage were maintained at other meetings I am afraid pencillers would be at a discount.

Stay-at-home Punters

At Ascot, in June, fourteen first or second choices went into the frame in twenty-eight races, and three of these were at prohibitive odds-on. Give me Goodwood. My advice to stay-at-home backers is, naturally, follow the first and second favourites, if necessary, without specifying the horses' names.

Two for the Stewards' Cup

For the Stewards' Cup I have given Sweet Rocket, and this stands unless anything unforeseen happens. The race is a terrific gamble, but if the going is good, Sam Pickering's four-year-old will go very close if she does not win outright. Another probable runner which must stand a great chance is Dobson Peacock's Martenax, the horse which with a few yards extra to go would have won the Wokingham. Martenax has been out of the first three twice only in his last seventeen races. This is hard to beat for consistency.

Dobson Peacock of Middleham

Not very much is heard of Dobson Peacock down South, as Middleham, Yorkshire, is a long way away, and most of his victories—particularly over the sticks—are registered at Manchester, Haydock and the Scottish meetings, but he has a fine stable of just on seventy horses, ten of them sons of Theo Bold. At one time Peacock could name Steve Donoghue as one of his apprentices.

Dobson Peacock, the popular North-country trainer

This Week's Big Race

Genero each way for the Liverpool Cup on Friday is the best bet of the week. Pat Donoghue will most likely have the mount.

Not Dead Yet

There were enough foreign buyers at the Newmarket sales last week to make it clear that the British breeders of bloodstock still know their business, but it is just because they know their business also that the French are so keen on coming here after bloodstock bargains. Lately they have tumbled to the fact that one cannot be content with a horse merely because it can last out a long-distance race. Most horses can do that if allowed to go at their own pace. What the French are now trying to develop is a race of equine giants able to stay a long journey at a fast pace, and some of their best horses have had that quality.

Old Friends Change Quarters

Several well-known horses which have outlived the patience of their owners or trainers changed hands, and it will be advisable to keep an eye on one or two of them. A change of air, plus new quarters, often works wonders. Barling secured Pasha for 460 guineas, and I expect he will land a minor handicap or a selling race coup with Mr. Joel's cast-off. Blue Pete, fancied on several occasions for a good handicap, went for 2,000 guineas. He is bound for America. Heliaster, another of Sir William Cook's, for 800. An interesting sale was that of Plover. On his only outing this year, the youngster spread-eagled his field at Newbury to win by five lengths. After the race, J. Rhodes bid 1,100 guineas and secured him. At the sales he fetched 720. A loss of nearly £400 without another race.

FOR YOUR NOTEBOOK

GREEN FIRE stands an excellent chance of winning the Chesterfield Cup at Goodwood. Earl has reformed this ungenerous son of Sunstar.

AMAZEMENT.—You can earmark this gelding as one of Vasey's winners in the near future. Last time out he whipped round at the post, but managed to finish fourth.

BOLD ARCHER.—The first time this youngster ran was at Ascot. I received a tip for the son of Phalaris, and the youngster was backed to beat The Satrap. He failed. At Newmarket last week he ran much better, finishing second to Adam's Apple. He will probably score next time out.

INKY BOY.—I have been advised to follow the engagements of Inky Boy for the next few weeks. He is a likely long-shot.

CLEAN AND CLEVER—This youngster is trained by Watts, and should be backed from now on. At Newmarket he ran second to the smart Alan. The latter was retained after the race for 1,000 guineas.

MARDOMAN.—The Aga Khan's flying filly was an expensive failure on the occasion of her last outing at Newmarket, but in my opinion she was off colour. In view of her form at Newbury and Ascot she should be given another chance.

"You Pay Tax"

Coming events cast their shadows even in the racing game. Down at Newmarket I had a gentle reminder of what is in store for the nimble backer after November 1, tax day. An optimistic friend of mine who thinks that Fred Darling is going to win his fourth Derby next year with Applecross—another son of Hurry On—accepted a fancy price to a fiver. In due course his voucher came along. Across the face was stamped: "You Pay Tax."

Patience Rewarded

If ever there were a case of patience rewarded it is in regard to Insight II. An exceptionally good-looking horse, this one proved his merit again and again at home, but always seemed to fail in public. He was backed confidently enough for the Royal Hunt Cup and his failure was a blow to all concerned. They got their money back the other day and they are now hopeful that having struck winning form the horse will retain it for a time. It has taken eighteen months to coax him into the winning mood and his owner, Mr. Macomber, had made up his mind to clear out this and other horses in order to make room for new ones when new quarters are taken over next season. Insight won with so much in hand that he should be worth following until the end of the present season.

Making Racehorses Really Race

The French authorities have decided to make general the arrangement at Longchamp, where races are timed automatically in sections, and the stewards are to have power to deal with cases of jockeys not keeping their mounts up to scratch throughout the race. Here we are only too familiar with what is known as loitering with intent to steal a long-distance victory by bringing out a burst of speed at the end. This is little better than a sprint race preceded by a parade, and is valueless as a test of stamina. The French idea is that a race should be true run all the way if it is to show whether horses are stayers or not. I do not suppose we shall ever have anything of the sort, for the authorities here are slow to adopt the suggestion of "clocking" made by the Hon. George Lambton and Lord Derby some time ago.

Last, but First

In my long experience of the Turf I have never known a horse to finish last and yet get the race except in matches, but this unusual happening occurred recently in the Conyngham Cup at Bellewstown. Warfate was first past the post, Stage Management second, and Oliver's Mint last of the three runners. Warfate was disqualified for carrying incorrect weight, Stage Management for interference on the part of J. Meaney, his jockey, and the race awarded to Oliver's Mint.

Thanks to Rain

Another odd incident took place at Pontefract in the Kilnwick Plate. The event was decided in a rainstorm, and on returning to the scales all the jockeys who took part in the race weighed-in overweight. As the reason was obvious the stewards allowed them to pass, but they could have decided "no race."

Queries I Answer

It is hard to credit that there are people interested in racing who do not know the meaning of "starting price." Evidently there are. A correspondent asked me to explain the term this week. He also wanted the ins and outs of odds-on, any-to-come (glad of it—this is mine), up-and-down, stakes on, ante-post bets, etc. As I am a free advice service I obliged, and at the same time advised him to send 6½d. to the Publisher, Odhams Press, 93, Long Acre, W.C., for a copy of "The 'John Bull' A.B.C. of Racing." The flat-race season is now half over. If you have had a lean period there is still time to get out by relying on the advice given in this useful little guide to the Turf.

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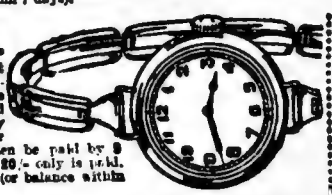

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JOHN BULL *Replies*

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P. T. (London, N.).—"My grocer cheats me." Deal with him and then stop dealing with him.

J. H. (Halifax).—"Hobbs is still a big name in England." Algernon Fitzwilliam Montmorency is bigger.

MRS. A. (Bradford).—"I married a shoemaker and am his third wife." We trust he will stick to his last at last.

J. J. (Birmingham).—"I have now got a minor post in a Government office." Good lad! Pleasant dreams!

R. K. (Acton).—"I have now bought the wife a puppy for company." That should keep her from missing you.

MISS S. (Brighton).—"If you drop spoons it means company is coming." And if you miss spoons it means they've gone.

P. J., Esqr. (Birmingham).—"I find it very hard to meet my expenses." You're lucky. We're always meeting ours.

M. J. (Lewes).—"Before marriage we worked together in a counting-house." Reckoning one another up, we suppose.

J. J. (Boroughbridge).—"What would have happened if Adam had resisted that apple?" He'd probably have fallen for the peach.

"HENPECKED" (Paignton).—"What do you think I do when the wife asks me to beat a carpet?" You beat it as fast as you can.

BESSIE (Burnley).—"I wish him no harm, but I hope he'll repent his marriage." Marry him and make sure of his repentance.

B. T. (Bath).—"In all the feathered tribe the cock is the handsomest bird." Aye, aye. But it's the hen who delivers the goods!

G. G. (Pontefract).—"When I'm married I'll be master or know the reason why." When you're married you'll soon know the reason why.

J. J. (Liverpool).—"He once worked for me and I can testify he is a thief, a rogue and a liar." Did you teach him so thoroughly?

H. L. (Shrewsbury).—"In my garden this morning I saw a bird quickly devour an enormous worm." It must have been a big swallow.

B. B. (Neath).—"When I marry I'll choose my opposite in every way." But where will you find such a bundle of perfection?

W. S. (Fulham).—"My little son has never asked me to help him with his home-work since I told him something wrong in geography." So you're quite off the map now.

J. T. (Hove).—"How do you spell the plural of penny?" 2d.

D. C. (Sheffield).—"Have you room for me in your office?" You did not enclose your measurements.

B. E. (Aberdeen).—"The rigorous climate of Scotland enables Scots to stand anything." Then why don't they?

MRS. T. (Dulwich).—"My chief object in life is to make my husband happy." So your hubby is your hobby.

G. J. (Eastbourne).—"Lots of people don't realise the benefit of rising with the sun." It never dawns on them.

MRS. J. (Raynes Park).—"It is much easier to take medicine if you swallow it quickly." More speed less taste, eh?

B. E. (Stamford Hill).—"I have been engaged in literary work at home for some time." Addressing envelopes?

H. C. (Ponders End).—"What is the easiest way to enter the Church?" By the first door you happen to find open.

MRS. D. (Hammersmith).—"I have a very smart little maid, but she breaks so many things." A real smasher, eh?

J. M. (Bradford).—"I am only nineteen, but I already have signs of a moustache." So now your upper lip is growing down!

L. T. T. (Edgware).—"Is 4d. too much for a shave?" Not when you consider that it is sometimes a minor surgical operation.

G. P. (Norwich).—"I found that the jobbing gardener had been helping himself freely to my peas." And did you give him beans?

PERCY M. (Battersea).—"Some of the dresses in revue don't even act as a screen to the figure." Yet they might be described as "filmy."

ETHEL P. (Derby).—"It costs a lot nowadays for a woman to keep her hair smartly done." Yes, a bob costs more than a tanner now.

MRS. D. (Brixton).—"My husband, unfortunately, cannot leave the bottle alone." It shows how the habit of childhood will stick to one.

"GLADYS" (Acton).—"I can't afford a holiday." Win a *Bullets* Holiday Prize this week and go where the "glad eyes" are, Gladys.

DAISY H. (Southall).—"Although I often have to go without things I want I usually manage to wear a smile." Don't the police interfere?

B. M. (Chelsea).—"My wife talks right through every concert and never notices that I can't hear a word." Why not ask the orchestra to play more softly?

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L. M. (Norwood).—"Motor-cars don't grow on trees." Nevertheless, there's a big Ford plant.

P. S. (Sidcup).—"My friends say I have a penetrating mind." You certainly sound rather a bore.

L. D. (Canning Town).—"I've written a song called 'Love's Sweet Dream.'" We like its initials.

A. D. (Bourne End).—"You'll either like this poem or you won't." You were right the second time.

G. T. (Lewes).—"Revolution is knocking at the door." You think so? Then beware of the bulldog.

A. J. (Maidenhead).—"I went to Valencia for a holiday." We wish you'd taken that tune with you.

J. J. (Kennington).—"Nowadays a certain latitude is allowed in a girl's dress." But mighty little longitude.

T. C. (Dover).—"My neighbour's pigeons eat all the seeds in my garden. Can you suggest a remedy?" Pie.

P. L. (Bray).—"I was delighted to receive a handsome marble clock as a gift." There's no present like the time.

P. T. (Chiswick).—"I found a difficulty in disposing of my goods in Manchester." What is your line? Sundials?

J. B. C. (Hartlepool).—"Vegetarians always take a sane view of things." Sometimes, however, they go off their nuts.

L. N. (Cheam).—"Are men descended from apes?" Looking at some men, "descended" seems to be the very word.

T. B. (Harrow).—"Several statues in London are placed where they can't be seen." The rest aren't, unfortunately.

L. R. (Egham).—"He stole a piano in a weak moment." Goodness! What would he have taken if he felt strong?

T. B. C. (Carlton).—"He's a man who lets the grass grow under his feet." That's better than letting it grow over his head.

T. B. (Peckham).—"I stopped at the tea-shop for a bun and a glass of milk." A life of hectic gaiety tells in the end, remember.

B. T. (Rye).—"To look at me you wouldn't think I was a poet." We got the same impression after looking at your verses.

F. T. (Battersea).—"Jazz and night-clubs have provided new ideas in costumes for young people." Faces are also worn.

TOM H. (Fakenham).—"No man can think more of real hard work than I do." That's all right, but have you ever tried doing any?

A. Y. (Harrow).—"When he appeared before the magistrate he wouldn't stop talking." Couldn't the latter get a sentence in?

A. Y. (Epsom).—"When we are married we are determined never to have a cross word." What a silent couple you'll be!

J. T. (Wanstead).—"A man tried to work the confidence trick on me here." He'd probably heard there were flats in Wanstead.

J. L. (Lewisham).—"Your answer to my last letter inspires me to write another epistle this week." Then we suppose it's our own fault.

L. T. (Dundee).—"The knight of old in his armour was happier than we are." Perhaps. But how the deuce did he scratch his back?

P. P. (Rochester).—"I caught my son pulling at the piano strings with a pair of pincers." Were you lucky or were they fastened in too tightly?

M. V. (Bradford).—"I gave my husband ham for breakfast for the third time and he went off in a temper." We can imagine it—ham, damn and slam!

TOMMY (Aldershot).—"The Army is an excellent place for humorous stories." Few recruits, however, slap a sergeant-major on the back and ask, "Heard this one?"

V. M. W. (Hornsey).—"Although several times people who have read my hand have promised me success, I have failed in business." So now you are comparing your "prophets" and losses.

M. R. (Manchester).—"Though I am at present doing quite humble jobs for my firm, I know that this part of my career is mere spade-work." Yet you're quite right not to regard it as *infra dig.*

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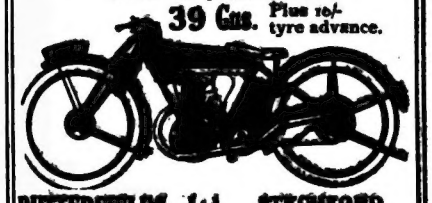

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PRETTY
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